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the rigours of normality – slipping on our favourite shorts and t-shirt, packing up the bags and getting some fresh air.

Look to *Ontario* for more reasons than ever to get out this summer and experience this great province.

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Trail's ruggedness, Prince Edward
County's cuisine and Manitoulin Island's
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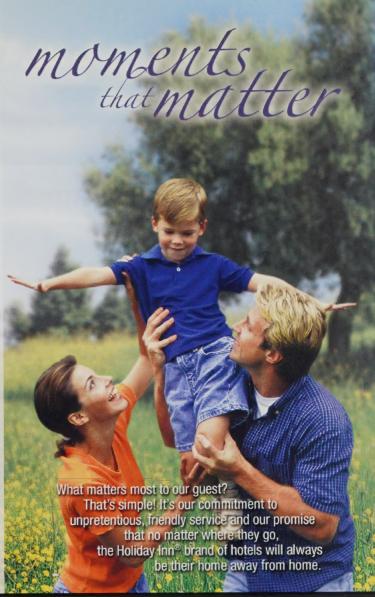




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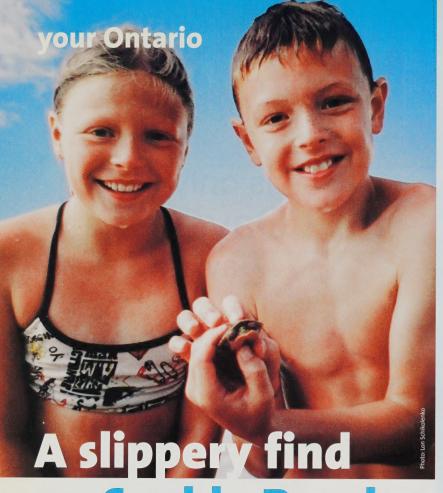


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Sonja Samek, Hamilton, ON

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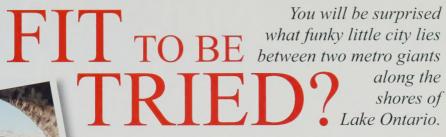
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Kingston, Ontario.

Vacationers who choose to trek around Eastern Ontario [and they should], uncover much more than initially meets their eye, particularly when visiting Kingston, Ontario – Canada's First Capital. Framed in grey, rough limestone and award-winning architec-

ture, the city is filled to the brim and beyond

ture, the city is filled to the brim and beyond with culture, entertainment and rich history – significant to our country's beginnings and the foundation to its future. This historic navy port is strategically located at the convergence of three significant waterways: the mighty St. Lawrence River, the Grand Dame Lake Ontario and the Rideau Canal, which connects the Limestone City, by water, to the Nation's Capital. Kingston boasts home to an eclectic collection of Canadian he-

Kingston boasts home to an eclectic collection of Canadian heroes – from the Cherrys and Gilmours of hockey, to the Hips and Harmers of music. It was the windy port for Canada's 1976 Sailing Olympics and still the launch for the Ca-

nadian Olympic Sailing Regatta, home ice to

Canada's first hockey game, summer home of Dan Aykroyd [you might see him] and the historic home of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. In fact, there

mer. It's interesting there, massive crowds don't rush the stars, it's just a casual hello or a subtle point. And that's the flavour of Kingston – casual, chilled, yet sophisticated

There's a cornucopia of summer festivals to enjoy: Buskers and Blues, to name a few. Streets are closed, pub doors open and guests

the festivals, often with pet or stroller in tow.

With more restaurants per capita than any other

Ontario city its size, there's no trouble finding a palate-pleasing morsel inside a funky bistro or on a star-filled patio.

Kingston's foundation is history, and it's anything but boring. Guests are amazed at bygone discipline rituals

displayed at the Penitentiary Museum.

Learn about the underwater graveyard of over

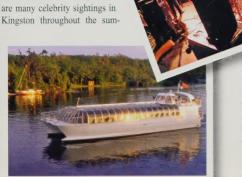
100 vessels that sailed to this port at the Marine Museum of the Great

Lakes or slip next door to see authentic steam engine technology at the Pump House Steam Museum. The creative craft of woodworking is still alive at the MacLachlan Woodworking Museum. There's 18 museums and three art galleries commemorating creative talent, history, geology, communications, archaeology and military history. And keeping watch over the entire city from the highest point of land is Kingston's largest heritage tourism attraction, Fort Henry National Historic Site. Daily interpretive programs and world famous Sunset Ceremonies in July and August are a must see.

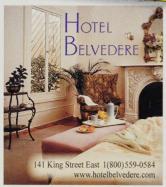




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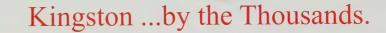
Kingston is an irresistible place for people.
While visiting Kingston, you will agree that it offers a superb quality of life and exciting opportunities to live, learn, work or play.
Kingston is situated where Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River meet, only a 2½-hour drive from Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

It features the amenities of an urban centre with the allure of a small city.









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Kingston boasts one of Canada's highest rated, vibrant downtown cores, aesthetically pleasing with hundreds of local, owner-

> operated boutiques and restaurants – all on a foot tour. Live music flows

from Flora Macdonald Confederation Park, bordered by historic City Hall and Lake Ontario, a great place to sit a while and enjoy an ice cream or a barbequed bite.

Kingston is just a nice place to be, with all the amenities of a metro market, but paced like a relaxed, summer town. Prevailing westerlies keep the trees swaying and the waves lapping the long stretch of shoreline. Kingston truly is Fit to be Tried...betcha can't visit just once!

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# contributors



PAT BRENNAN first met the Golden Girls (please see page 56) eight years ago when he was doing a real estate story for the *Toronto Star* about their new Golden Beach Estates at Rice Lake,

near Peterborough. He's been back a few times since. "They are so dynamic and they move so fast I can't keep up with them. They had to get me a golf cart so that I could keep up. I do a lot of walking, but these girls are amazing." Pat was with the *Toronto Star* for 32 years before becoming a freelance travel writer and touring Ontario in his motor home.



LAURA BYRNE PAQUET was pleased to accept the assignment to Prince Edward
County (please see page 146)
... her dad used to be the principal at the high school in Picton. It was her first

time in Prince Edward for many years. "It has nice hotels, great restaurants and I think it is going to be the next big tourism thing in the province." Laura is national president of the Travel Media Association of Canada. In the past five years she has published 10 books, including a travel guidebook, *Secret Ottawa*. Her new non-fiction book is *The Urge To Splurge, A Social History of Shopping*. She's also a romance writer, with four novels and two novellas.

**ILONA KAUREMSZKY** had a great time whitewater rafting (please see page 37). She has been a travel writer for 10 years and she likes adventure travel. Very wet – and a little bruised – Ilona has just one regret about her whitewater rafting trip – she didn't swim in the river. She had a chance, but she thought the river was flowing too fast. Ilona writes a weekly travel column for the *Toronto Sun* and is the founding president of the Ontario chapter of the Travel Media Association of Canada. She wrote the



Fodor's 2005 guide to
Toronto and is a regular
contributor to the Buffalo
News, Boston Herald,
Detroit Free Press, The
National Post and The Globe
and Mail.

How I spent my summer vacation. The back-to-school essay, which makes most students cringe, is a breeze for 13-year-old BRYN WILSON. Bryn is the son of travel writer Leslie Jennings, and he often gets his travel stories printed in children's newspapers and magazines. "I don't remember the last time we actually went on vacation," says Bryn, "we are usually on assignment. It's pretty cool, but you never get to sleep in." When we invited him to



take the Polar Bear Express (please see page 72), he was excited. We don't know if he counted the sleeps until he left ... but we know he will always remember fondly his time with the Gree.

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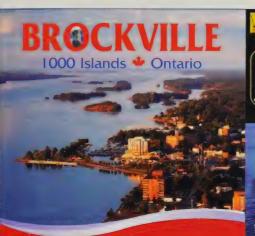


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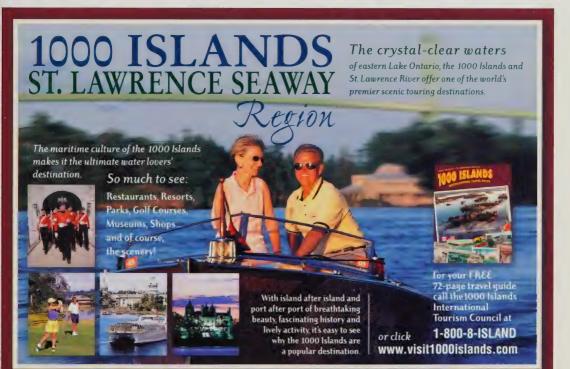


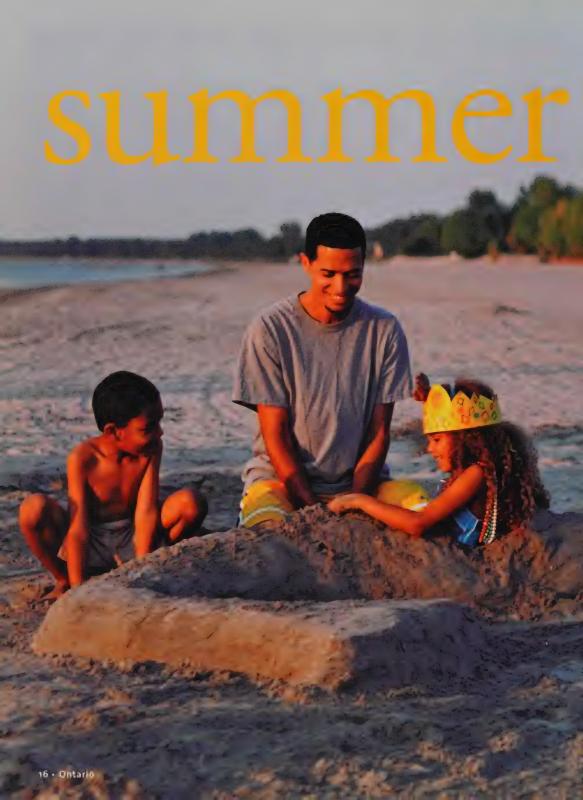
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Being a kid and making trips down to the beach – those were good times. Grabbing a shovel and eagerly digging into warm sand. Dad would always be right there, helping to build the biggest sandcastle in the world. Ah, memories.

Let's make this the summer to relive fond moments. We could teach our kids the fine art of sandcastle-building, bring the family to our favourite fishing hole and maybe even share a plate of chip truck fries at a summer festival with friends.

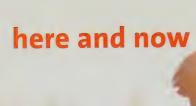
Our kids want the same Ontario travel memories as us – so they can grow up, raise little sandcastle builders of their own and rediscover the best of Ontario.

### HOT FESTIVALS IN THE SUMMERTIME

Whether you love the outdoors, sports, art, music or family-fun craziness, there's a festival for you in Ontario.

- George Bernard Shaw would be tickled pink – Niagara's Shaw Festival is back with another season including work by his contemporaries. April 1 – November 27
- Feeling down? Cisco Systems Ottawa Bluesfest will brighten your mood. The sweet sound of sax soothes the heart and soul. July 8–17
- Fire eaters and juggling gurus will fascinate young and old at the Kingston Buskers Rendezvous. July 14–17
- It was a bird! It was a plane! It was 1.4 million people attending the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto last year. August 19 – September 5

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There's way more too much to mention here. Flip through the next few pages and check out a few of the experiences you can have in Ontario this summer. From modern to postmodern, we've got it!



- By Leslie Jennings

When pilot Mike Gibb sealed the hatch to the six-person Ambient Pressure Submersible (APS), I had a brief moment of anxiety. What if I turned out to have latent claustrophobia? As I was sitting beside my son, I squelched this thought immediately. Kids can smell your fear. "What do you think about the size?" said co-pilot Dave Bishop, "I think it's about the same as a Mini." I looked around. He was right. The sub may not be palatial, but the inner compartment is similar in size to a sub-compact car. I exhaled and was ready for descent

The most recent attraction to join the roster of eco adventures at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve is a submarine tour of MacDonald Lake. The APS is the first dry ambient pressure sub in the world. Pilots take enormous care to

make sure the dive is safe and comfortable. When we had trouble equalizing pressure in our ears, Mike would immediately take the sub up a few feet so we could clear them.

Don't forget a sweater, as on your ascent things can get chilly as you experience 'Boyle's Law' first hand.

Down to about 12 m (40 ft.), the summer water is murky and thick with zooplankton. Once you reach the maximum depth of the dive at 21 m (70 ft.), you're in darkness, but the headlights reveal water that's crystal clear. If you're lucky you'll see the rare Haliburton Gold Lake Trout, an ancient species of pre-glacial fish that has existed for 100,000 years.

Even more tantalizing is an underwater Inukshuk, or stone directional marker, discovered at about 10 m (35 ft.). Marine archaeologists have examined the find, and this 226 kg

(500-lb.) stone marker could end up dating to before 10,000 BC. If that's the case, it could re-write history. Whether you see the Inukshuk or not, you'll come away feeling like Jacques Cousteau.

Anyone with a cold or ear troubles may potentially be unable to equalize the pressure in their ears, and won't be able to complete the dive. Cost: \$130 adult, \$110 youth 15-18 years.

 Leslie Jennings is a freelance writer who specializes in family travel. She is the travel editor of City Parent Newsmagazine and editor of News4Kids.

For more information call Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, (705) 754-2198 or visit www.haliburtonforest.com and www.ontariotravel.net/summer

# here and now

# KUCHEN

- By John Farrington

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR A SLICE OF TEMAGAMI BLUEBERRY KUCHEN (PRONOUNCED COOKIN')?

I took one look at the recipe, got up at 3:45 a.m. and drove three-and-a-half hours to be on time for the photo shoot at Caryn Colman's Smoothwater Outfitters and Ecolodge, just off Highway 11, north of Temagami.

It is a recipe that Caryn's family has lost twice during her childhood, but now she regularly makes the pie in her fabulous country kitchen, and usually has a couple in the freezer. The pie for *Ontario* was baked fresh that morning. It's not the first time I've had ice cream for breakfast, and hopefully it won't be the last time that I have a chance to taste Caryn's Kuchen. It was worth losing half-a-night's sleep. It was so good, in fact, that I was careful not to spill anything, I didn't even allow the blueberries to stain my shirt.

A picture is worth a thousand words, and I can still taste it when I look at the photograph. Don't take my word for it, follow the recipe and find out for yourself how good it really is. Better still, visit Smoothwater.





#### PASTRY

- 500 mL (2 cups) flour
- · pinch of salt
- 14 mL (2 tablespoons) sugar
- 250 mL (1 cup) unsalted butter
- 7 mL (1 tablespoon) white vinegar

#### FILLING

- 175-250 mL (3/4 to 1 cup) sugar
- 14 mL (2 tablespoons) flour
- · Dash of cinnamon
- 500 mL (2 cups blueberries) fresh or frozen
- 250 mL (1 cup blueberries) fresh
- · confectioners' sugar for dusting

#### **PASTRY**

- Combine flour, salt and sugar. Work in butter with a pastry blender. Mix in vinegar. Use a 22 cm (9-inch) springform pan (grease and flour pan).
- Press crust mixture on bottom to depth of 5 mm (¼ inch), and up the sides a good 5 cm (2 inches), for the same thickness all round.

#### FILLING

- Combine sugar, flour and cinnamon.
   Add 500 mL (2 cups) blueberries.
   Pour into crust. Bake in oven at 176°C (350°F) for 50 minutes or until crust is brown.
- Remove from oven and put 250 mL

   (1 cup) fresh blueberries on top. Cool and remove rim of pan. Dust with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm or at room temperature. With vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, this dessert is even more divine. Serves 8.

aryn and her husband Francis Boyes have run the Smoothwater Outfitters and Ecolodge for 13 years. She says people from around the world are attracted to Temagami's ancient pine forests, pristine waterways and wildlife.

Smoothwater shares that magic through canoe trips, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and an array of art activities. But it is Smoothwater's personal culinary angle on regional food that puts a sense of well-being into the package and apparently brings guests back repeatedly.

Caryn says "eating food from the region enhances your understanding of the area's ecosystem, culture and history. Local foods have stories to tell that interpret, for example, the way bears and people relate through wild blueberries and fires."

The wild blueberries in the kuchen are only one of Smoothwater's uses of the food from the land in the Temagami area. And Caryn's amazing desserts are as much a part of the Smoothwater experience as the peace, the quiet, the trees, the water, the canoes, the loons and the wild animals, as you see in Nicole Leaper's article about the mother and daughter trip on Page 82.

 John Farrington has been the editor and publisher of a number of daily newspapers throughout Canada.

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# here and now

Photo: Muskoka Girl Designs

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If you visit a farmers' market while in cottage country, you'll most likely pick up local products, fresh fruit and meat. And if luck is on your side, you'll also come across a booth with one of the hottest fashions to ever hit Central Ontario – Muskoka Girl Designs.

# **Clothes encounters**

# of the Muskoka kind

What started out in 2003 with necklaces and magnets as a way to help pay off student loans and 'fill the time', the Muskoka Girl clothing line, founded by Kerri Lane, has grown beyond anyone's wildest expectations.

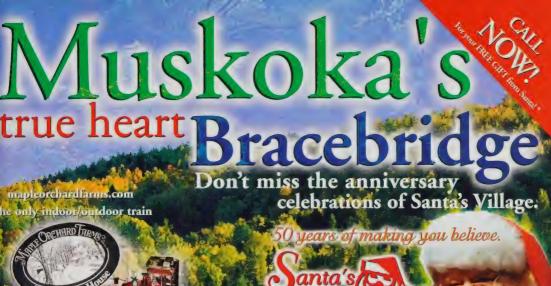
"Starting last spring we were at Bala Farmer's Market and Rosseau." And demand was incredible, Kerri tells Ontario. "Last summer we did more than we thought we would ever do in two months."

Kerri isn't the only one smiling. Babies sporting Muskoka Girl's embroidered bibs have also taken a liking to the stylish wear.

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Dr. David Franklin, Deputy Director and Chief Curator adds, "We have attempted to discredit conventional assumptions about the evolution of art in Renaissance Florence. In the end, if we encourage visitors to look afresh at some of the most familiar works of the Italian Renaissance, we will have succeeded in our task."

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No, we're not suggesting a permanent move. We're

talking weekend.

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Instead of opening your front door to get the Saturday morning paper, you can open up the barn door and collect oh-so-fresh, still warm eggs, right from their nests. But watch those chickens. They can get feisty.

At Windrush Farm in Campbellville, 50 km (31 mi.) west of Toronto, Judy and George Marsh

have been sharing their 1862, fivebedroom stone farmhouse with guests for the last 20 years. A former nurse and self-proclaimed people person, Judy Marsh says "we love sharing what we've learned and what we're doing." Windrush is home to beef cattle, a bull, chickens, a donkey, six friendly barn cats and a Labrador dog. A hot tub and swimming pool have been installed to complement a small pond stocked with trout and bass.

"A farm offers so much of a learning opportunity, especially for children," says Judy, who keeps a well-stocked library (for all ages) and a safe play area. She does, however, give all guests a word of warning that "animals, no matter how sweet looking, are unpredictable" and should be treated and respected accordingly.

## **PLANNING A FARM VACATION**

So, go ahead, offer to muck out the stalls, take the dogs for a walk or feed the chickens. Lending a hand with chores enhances the country experience and, better still, helps alleviate the guilt associated with indulging in a hearty, farm-fresh breakfast.

If we've got you hankering for a

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Anne Dimon
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 number of
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back riding. Some are

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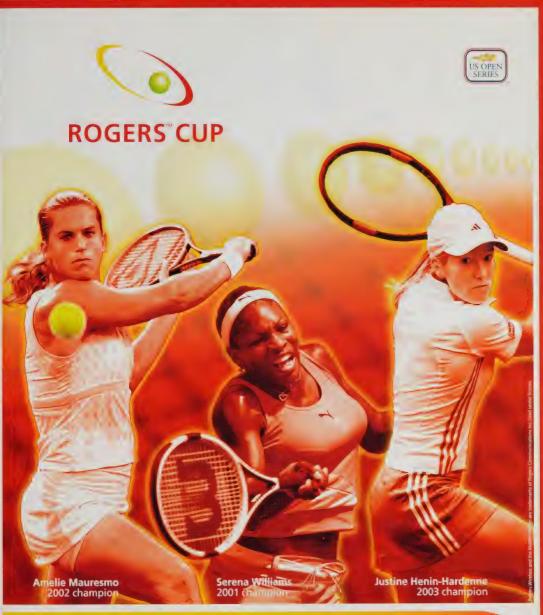
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### SIZZLING SUMMER EVENTS

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Dundas Buskerfest Dundas, June 3–5

Welland Rose Festival Welland, June 4–19

Hamilton International Tattoo Hamilton, June 12

Burlington Sound of Music Festival Burlington, June 16–19

Mississauga Waterfront Festival Mississauga, June 17–19

The Reminessence Festival Fergus, June 18

Blind River White Pine Cultural Festival Blind River, June 18–20

Fiesta Week Oshawa, June 19–25

Pride Toronto
Toronto, June 20–26



Toronto

Festival de la St-Jean Baptiste de la région de Kapuskasing Kapuskasing, June 23–25

Festival franco-ontarien Ottawa, June 23–30 Oakville Waterfront Festival Oakville, June 24–26

# july

Kincardine Scottish Festival Kincardine, July 1–3

Theatre in the Square Brampton, July 1–August 29

Brantford International Villages Festival Brantford, July 6–9

Belleville Waterfront and Ethnic Festival Belleville, July 8–10

Canterbury Folk Festival Ingersoll, July 8–10

Ridgeway Summer Festival Ridgeway, July 9–10

Rotaryfest, The Sault's Summer Festival Sault Ste. Marie, July 14–16

Festival de l'orignal Hearst, July 14–17

Collingwood Elvis Festival Collingwood, July 20–24

The Canadian Guitar Festival Odessa, July 22–24

Markdale Ice Cream Festival Markdale, July 30–31

**Barrie Kempenfest** Barrie, July 30–August 1

# august

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Krinos Taste of the Danforth Toronto, August 5–7

Caribe-Expo (Ottawa Caribbean Festival) Ottawa, August 11–14

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games Fergus, August 12–14

Festival of the Islands Gananoque, August 12–21

Paris Cobblestone Festival Paris, August 12–13 & 19–20

Jarvis Cornfest
Jarvis, August 19–21

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# july

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Wasaga Beach Provincial Park Every Tuesday July 5–August 23

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Friends In The Park Rondeau Provincial Park July 3

Summer Nature Paddle Frontenac Provincial Park July 10

Sands of Time Festival Bonnechere Provincial Park July 12–16

Superior, Sand and Sun Neys Provincial Park July 15–17



Sleeping Giant Provincial Park

#### Parks Day In Canada

Activities in most provincial parks July 16

Art In The Park

Sleeping Giant Provincial Park July 16–17

Lumberjack Days

Marten River Provincial Park July 16–17

Friends of Bon Echo Art Exhibition and Sale Bon Echo Provincial Park July 22–24

Wasaga Under Siege (War of 1812 re-enactment) Wasaga Beach Provincial Park July 22–24

5th Annual Red Lake Canoe Race Woodland Caribou Provincial Park July 23

Logger's Day Algonquin Provincial Park July 23

Mammal Mayhem Blue Lake Provincial P

Blue Lake Provincial Park July 29–August 1

Sciensational Snakes Rondeau Provincial Park July 30

History Weekend Presqu'ile Provincial Park July 30–31

Superior Fest
Lake Superior Provincial Park
July 30–31

# august

Wolf Howl

Algonquin Provincial Park Every Thursday in August (weather permitting)

19th Annual Festival of The Giant Sleeping Giant Provincial Park August 5–7

Fun In The Forest Rushing River Provincial Park August 6–7

Legends of The Falls Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park August 12–14

Neys Nostalgia Days Neys Provincial Park August 12–14

Farm Day Bronte Creek Provincial Park August 14

Long Live The Voyageurs! Quetico Provincial Park August 14

Creatures of The Night Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park August 19–21

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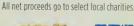














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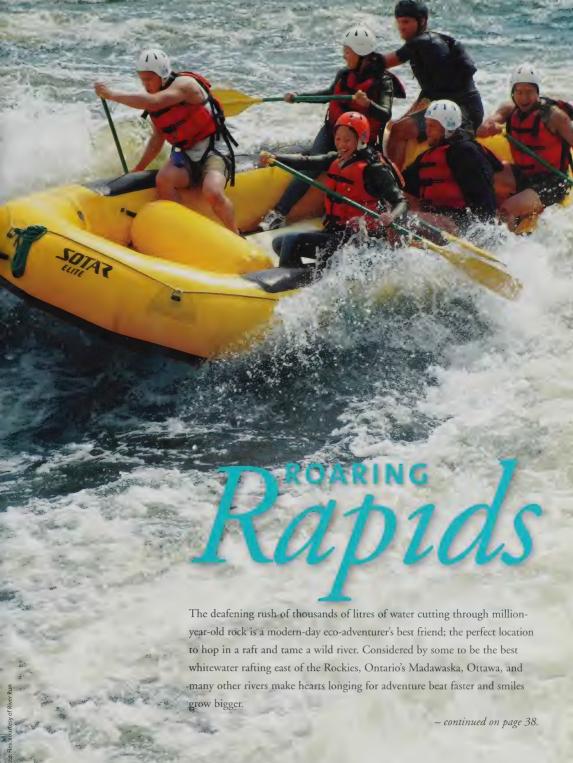


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If you're planning a trip with youngsters, take a family float trip on a specially designed raft – they're a little more family-oriented and a little gentler.

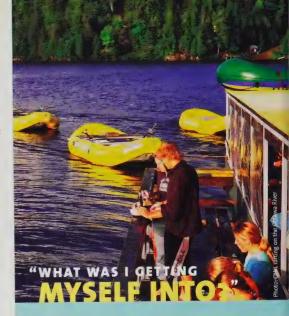
Honestly, reading about whitewater rafting doesn't do it justice. But Ilona Kauremszky's first-person account comes close.

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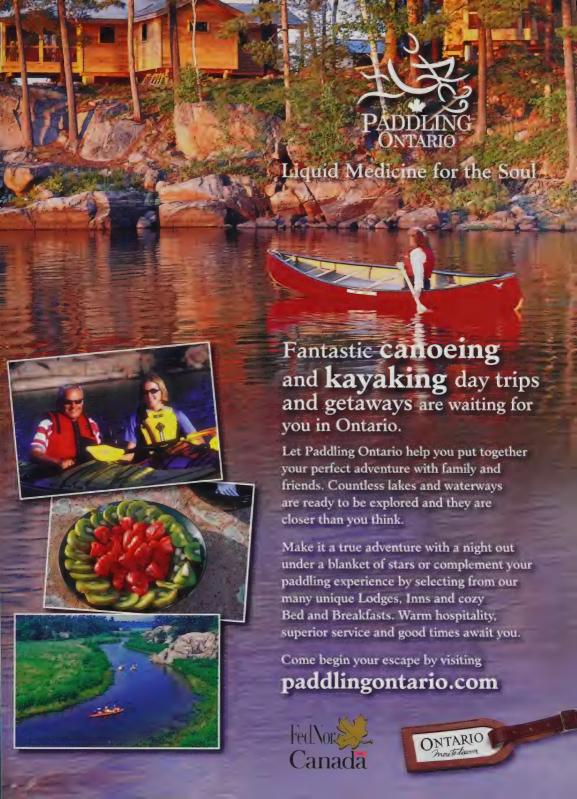
- By Ilona Kauremszky

I was in the palm of Mother Nature's hand, careening down the mighty Ottawa River in an inflatable raft with 11 silent strangers. It was too late for second thoughts.

A volcano of white water explodes outside our fragile domain. My stomach flutters with butter-flies. "Oh my God, I can't see anything," yells my mate, Steve. Waves of rushing water loom above our heads, drenching us from head to toe. A thunderous wave hurls our rubber raft against the sharp rocks, then spins us like a giant mixing bowl into a vat of foamy egg whites.

The six-hour trip is over. I laugh nervously and think how I challenged the mighty rapids once feared by the Algonquin and won.

 Ilona Kauremszky is a travel columnist for the Toronto Sun. She is the founding president of the Ontario chapter of the Travel Media Association of Canada.





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#### Santa's Village

There's nothing further from the ordinary than Santa's Village in Bracebridge - located exactly halfway between the Equator and the North Pole. It's Santa's 50th year here and the elves are busily working away at opening day anniversary celebrations for June 25. There will be the usual roller coaster rides and reindeer feeding area, but all the prices in the park are going back to 1955 rates, just for that day. You read right - 1955.

Marilyn Bell, the first person to swim across Lake Ontario, opened the village at a ribbon cutting ceremony in 1955 and may return this summer. And, of course, the main attraction, the big guy in red, will be on hand accepting Christmas wish lists at Santa's Cottage.

"We're planning lots of family fun this summer to help celebrate this significant milestone," General Manager Jamie Hopkins says. "Santa told us to pull out all the stops and make this the best summer ever. or we may find ourselves on his naughty list."

Santa's serious about kids being naughty or nice - like Santa's Village is serious on fun.

#### **Upper Canada Village**

You have to admire my personal favourite heroes: Ontario's pioneers. You can meet costumed versions of them at Upper Canada Village, an outdoor museum/village of 40 preserved buildings from the 19th century. It's a living, breathing theme park to educate and entertain our curious minds.

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#### **African Lion Safari**

Jumping back to contemporary life, my fiancée and I paid a special visit to African Lion Safari. The African theme encompasses the entire park, from the entry gate to the squawking tropical birds to the fun-loving baboons. It's not everyday we get to see giraffes causing traffic backups or elephants substituting as pro soccer players - and we loved every minute of it.

African Lion Safari recently completed \$3 million in renovations. Mike Takacs, Vice President and General Manager, says that with

these improvements they can "... continue to provide families with a unique opportunity to experience wildlife as well as continue to maintain a self-sustaining environment for declining wildlife species."

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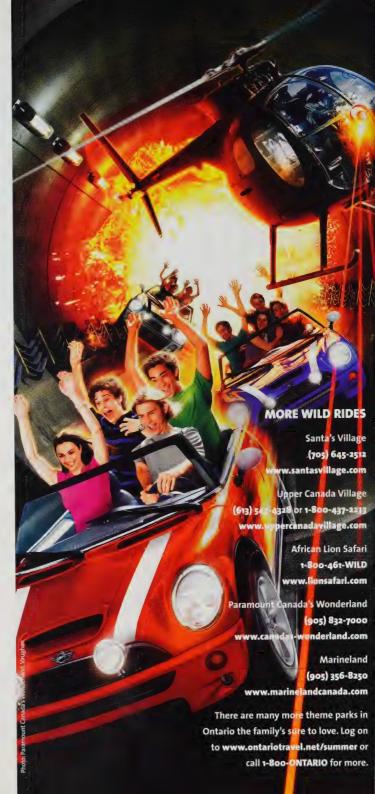
Here you may find yourself sitting in one of the world's coolest cars – a Mini. But you won't be strapped in with a seatbelt, try a restraining bar. Oh yes, and the car's flying down a roller coaster track that's speeding away from a low-flying helicopter! It's THE ITALIAN JOB: Stunt Track, the latest ride at Paramount Canada's Wonderland – a whole park devoted to Paramount's movies and TV shows.

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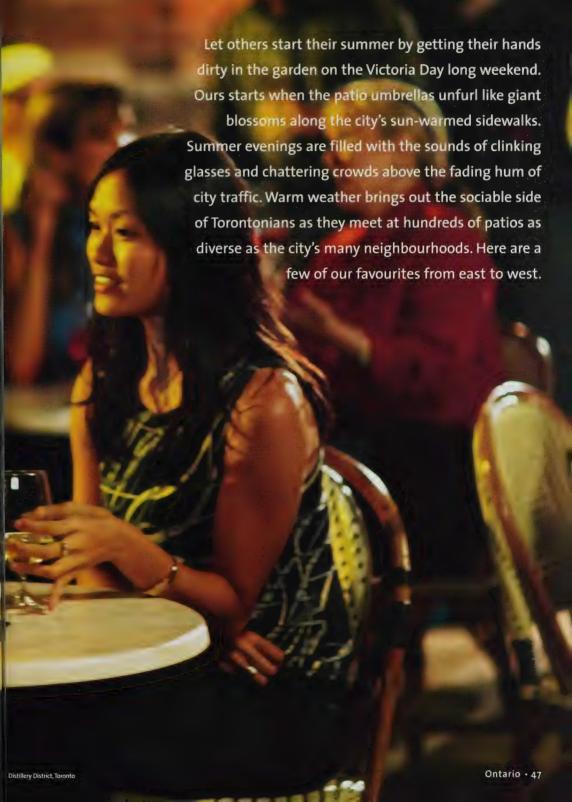
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# COOLING summer's sidewalks

- By Betty and Sonia Zyvatkauskas



n Toronto's residential east end neighbourhood known as The Beach, a summer breeze barely rustles the leaves of the towering maples shading the three-tiered patio at Quigley's on Queen Street East. This is where folks go to quench their thirst after a stroll along the boardwalk, following the Lake Ontario shoreline past tennis games, sunbathers and beach volleyball tournaments. Just a block away from the water, Quigley's is the place to enjoy a lunch of chicken tikka on spinach or a dinner of Louisiana-style salmon. A love of jazz tends to define this crowd. Quigley's is a favourite stop at the annual Beaches Jazz Festival in late July. It's also a popular stop for Birkenstock-wearing locals dropping in for drinks after catching a show at the nearby Fox cinema.

STEP BACK IN TIME

If you want a slice of history with your drinks, there's no better venue than the Distillery District, a fivehectare (13-acre) complex of Victorian-era industrial buildings smartly restored into an artsy collection of shops, galleries and bistros, just east of Toronto's downtown. But not too restored; there's still enough history in the old red brick

warehouses, breweries and barrel rooms to make this a favourite backdrop for Hollywood North. Shoppers canvas. Customers lazing in the sunshine pore over Sunday papers while sipping the famed Mill Street



Distillery District - Balzac's Coffee Roastery

come here for one-of-a-kind crafts: silk-screened purses, designer dog fashions, hand-made jewellery and exquisite glass art. We linger over cappuccino and conversation at the European-style Balzac's café. Inside, the retro milk steamer, massive chandelier and marble-topped tables evoke a 1920s Parisian café. Half a dozen tables on the aged brick pavers outside offer views of the passing scene. Jazz lovers head for the shade of a spacious patio at the Boiler House where musicians play, while an artist noodles away at an abstract

Coffee Porter brewed on-site. Across the way, under the shade of blue and green umbrellas, diners at the Pure Spirits Oyster Bar lunch on plates of Malpeques and seafood pasta.

The Waterside Bistro is a calming oasis on the Toronto waterfront. Set at the foot of Lower Sherbourne Street, it would be easy to miss this restaurant tucked behind the chainlink fence and the inflatable tennis domes. But don't miss the lakefront view. Three spacious wooden decks some shaded, some sunny - provide the perfect vantage point for

watching sailboats race on Lake Ontario. A hedge hides the view of the parking lot, allowing us to forget we're in the city. Relaxed servers bring meals of white bean hummus and warm pear-and-spinach salad to tables of tennis players, newspaper editors and TV types from the neighbouring Cinespace studios who appreciate the low-carb menu.

#### WHAT A VIEW

More than 50 storeys above the ground, wind blowing our hair, the Panorama Lounge atop the Manulife Centre at Bay and Bloor is about as close to parachute jumping as we are

ever going to get. The black and gray décor was chic in the 80s, but the view is as stylish as ever. To the south: rows of office buildings, historic University of Toronto and Queen's Park, with Lake Ontario in the distance. To the north: Yorkville, the green Rosedale ravine and the high-rises of North York on the horizon. This spectacular view of the city lures camera-toting tourists seeking a panoramic shot.

Back on the ground, a block to the north, Yorkville was a hippie hangout in the 60s, but today it's home to high-end boutiques and see-and-beseen patios. Sassafraz has earned a reputation for celebrity spotting, particularly during the peak filming season (which happens to coincide with patio season) in Toronto. Dark shades and a Prada handbag are essentials for assuming a stylish pose under the blue-and-white striped awning at this sunny corner bistro frequented by the fabulous and famous, who lunch on champagne-and-watermelon gazpacho followed by \$29 Kobe beefburgers.

#### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

With more than a dozen small restaurant patios serving international cuisine ranging from sashimi to





guacamole, the pedestrian-friendly stretch of Baldwin Street between Beverly and McCaul is a haven for the indecisive diner. Peckish tourists menu-graze at Thai Paradise and Gateways of India, while locals share antipasto plates and pitchers of cold sangria at John's Italian Café. At Yung Sing Pastry Shop, bargainloving crowds gather waiting for a fresh batch of deep-fried taro pastries, then eat them on the wooden picnic benches outside. The spacious patio at Bodega provides a romantic atmosphere for dinner dates and a suitably French menu including foie gras and roasted duck.

A short stroll west of the University of Toronto campus, the second-storey patio at the back of



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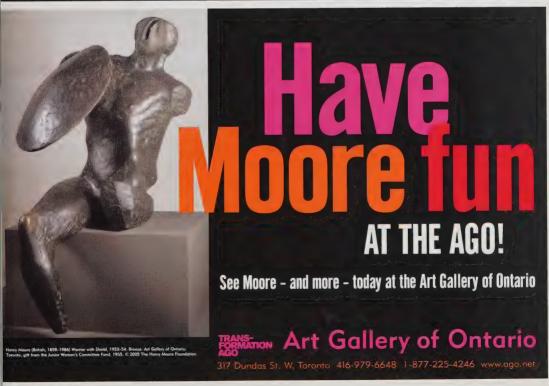
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#### IT ALL BEGAN AT 'THE DIP'

The Little Italy neighbourhood, on College Street West, prides itself on its patios, from the trendy Bar Italia to the homespun Sicilian Sidewalk Café. Longtime Torontonians trace the pro-patio movement back to the Café Diplomatico, which was serving frothy lattes long before Starbucks was a gleaming coffee bean in someone's eye. Perched at the corner of College and Clinton streets, the 'Dip,' as it is affectionately known, offers a great view of the busy street life in this gregarious neighbourhood. The equally exuberant wait staff happily share honeymoon highlights or coach customers in beginner Italian. Quote from the plastic table cover: "The sheet of pasta should have the texture of your lover's caress."

Hailed as a hipster hangout, The Drake became an overnight sensation when it opened in 2003 after a \$6-million renovation that transformed the rundown railway hostelry from a flophouse to a funky boutique hotel. In 2004, the Sky Yard patio opened on the Drake's roof, complete with teak lounge chairs, bright green and orange cushions and benches for twenty-somethings, who don't care about back support while they imbibe their after-work raspberry truffle martini, before checking out the music and alternative arts events

for which the hotel is becoming famous. For those who'd rather watch the action on the street, The Drake's Corner Café is the place to enjoy a cappuccino or fresh croissant from one of the city's finest bakeries. Aluminum lawn chairs with nylon webbing suggest an ironic, retro take on this fashion-conscious strip of Queen Street West known for its galleries and design shops.

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 Zyvatkauskas are the co-authors of
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See page 54 for more information on Toronto's sunny patios.



































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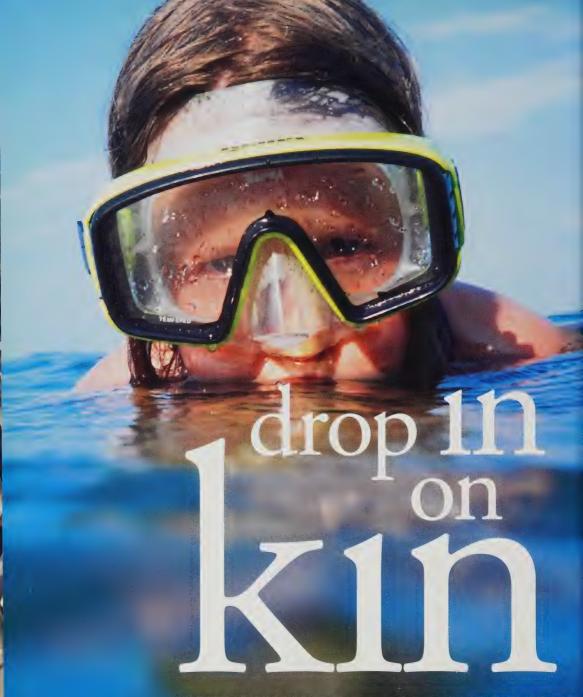
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RETREAT TO FAMILY-RUN RESORTS

- By Patrick Brennan



#### 'THE GOLDEN GIRLS' - A RICE LAKE TREASURE

A heavy windstorm allowed Roger Chernuck to escape his daily chores on the dairy farm his parents operated on the edge of Rice Lake.

The wind had toppled a number of trees on the farm and Roger knew that cutting the trees into board feet to build some cabins would be a lot more fun than feeding and milking Jersey cows. And maybe more lucrative, too.

So he built his cabins on the shore and started getting out the word about how plentiful the fish are in Rice Lake.

That was 1948 and those cabins introduced a whole new direction for the Chernuck farm. Most of the milk and cheese, vegetables and eggs, chickens and worms grown on the farm were sold to vacationers who came from throughout the land to spend some quality time at Roger's Golden Beach Cottages.

His first guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hempleman of Millersport, Ohio, arrived in 1948 and and now four generations later that family still heads to Golden Beach each summer.

As Roger's little fishing camp grew into Golden Beach Resort, so did his family. He married Louise Weir and they raised three girls and a boy, all of whom helped them run the resort, along with Grandma Chernuck.

Roger didn't see his fishing camp grow into the large resort it is today. In his early 50s, he died of leukemia in 1984. But working side-by-side with his three daughters, as they grew up, ensured that Golden Beach would carry on without him.

Today, Roger's girls, Trudy Jo, Kelly Sue, and Olga Louise – they are known as the Golden Girls – run the 243-hectare (600-acre) resort on the south shore of Rice Lake near Roseneath.

Rice Lake is a link in the Trent-Severn Waterway and Golden Beach has a 300-dock, full-service marina as part of its mile-long shoreline that can handle boats



The three golden girls, Olga Louise, Trudy Jo and Kelly Sue, both photos taken at Roger's Golden Beach Cottages, Rice Lake

up to 15 m (50 ft.) long. But Rice Lake is best known for its wild inhabitants that attract anglers from throughout North America.

Game fish and pan fish are still among the biggest attractions at Golden Beach, where you can pull in a 16 kg (35-lb.) carp right at the fishing pier. And you can catch that whopper again the next day. After a quick photo, most fish are released back to the water.

It's a fishing camp with all the amenities of a big resort. Dozens of two-, three- and four-bedroom cottages offer all the comforts of home. Plus, there's a large full-service campground.

Golden Beach looks like an athletics camp with its string of recreation facilities, including an eco-trail, a workout gym, driving range, tennis courts, swimming pool and, of course, the beach. Early childhood education students run the extensive children's program.

And the Golden Girls are true to their farm girl heritage. Feeding pigs, sheep, chickens and calves, which still roam Roger's dairy farm, is part of the children's program.

"The fishing and the kids' program just keep bringing families back every year," said Trudy Jo. "Every summer we host many weddings here. The brides and grooms are often kids that grew up here in the summer and think of this as their second home."

A girl from Texas was married at Golden Beach last year, with 250 guests from the United States. Her family in Ohio has been coming to Golden Beach for 51 years.

And there'll be more weddings in the future. The Golden Girls have five of their own children working at the resort, including Olga's daughter Olivia, a toddler, whose job it is to charm the guests.

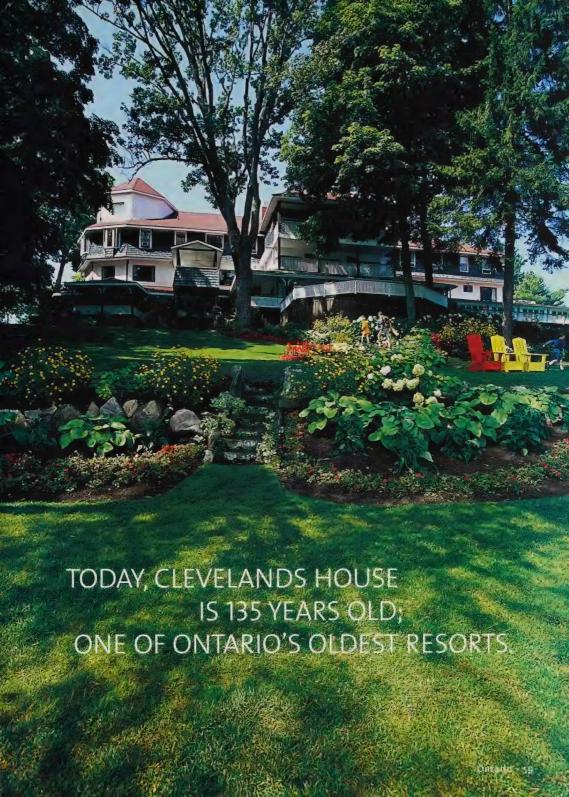
#### BELLHOP AND WAITRESS NOW OWN ONTARIO RESORT

A little white lie has made Clevelands House Canada's largest privately owned resort.

Bob Cornell was 14, but told Ted Wright, the owner of then 80-year-old Clevelands House that he was 16. Cornell, who had been a guest at the resort on Muskoka's Lake Rosseau for four summers with his parents, wanted a summer job as a bellhop, but employees had to be at least 16.

Wright must have spotted the potential in the eager youngster, because he never bothered to check out the age thing.

Today, Clevelands House is 135 years old, one of





Photos L - R: Bayview Wildwood Resort, Sparrow Lake; Severn Lodge, Port Severn

Ontario's oldest resorts and 69-year-old Bob Cornell is still a bellhop, of sorts. He still has a hand in everything that happens at the famous resort.

He bought the place in 1969 when he was Wright's manager. Eleven years earlier he had married Fran, a summer waitress in the dining room. Today, Fran still oversees the dining room.

Their daughters Sharon (runs reservations) and Sandy (assistant manager) are also fully involved. And Ted Carruthers, general manager at Clevelands House, once was the bartender in 'The Club' while studying science at University of Toronto. Carruthers also fell in love with a waitress at Clevelands House – Cornell's daughter Sharon. "That seems to happen a lot up here," said Carruthers. "We have about 200 staff and 160 of them live on-site. The young people often become life-long friends, or fall in love and get married."

Clevelands House accommodated 150 guests when Cornell bought it. Today nearly 500 guests are housed each week on the expanded property.

And all its facilities have seen similar expansion over the years. Tennis courts have grown to 16 from the two Cornell had when he bought the place.

About 200 of the guests at Clevelands House in the summer are children under 16 and there are 55

counsellors to keep them busy with every recreational activity imaginable.

#### **CAPTAIN STANTON ARRIVED...**

#### BACK WHEN MUSKOKA HAD NO ROADS OR TRAINS

When the first vacationers headed for Muskoka, Tom Stanton was there to make it a fun trip.

Muskoka had no roads, no airplanes and no railways in 1875 when Capt. Tom Stanton built and launched The Pioneer, his 70-passenger steamboat. His vessel became the connection between the railhead at Washago to summer homes, farms, logging camps and fishing lodges on Sparrow Lake and other rivers making their way northwest to Georgian Bay.

And as tourism to the lake country grew, Capt. Tom and his wife Ellen offered their passengers additional comforts by opening Stanton House, a waterfront tourism home.

Now, six generations later, the Stantons are still creating fun and comfort for visitors to the Sparrow Lake area of Muskoka.

Stanton House closed in 2002 and several other Stanton-run resorts on the lake have now been combined at Bayview Wildwood Resort.

"The tourism industry is always changing and you have to change with it to survive," said 47-year-old Bruce



Stanton, proprietor at Bayview Wildwood and the fifth generation Stanton to supply hospitality on Sparrow Lake. His 23-year-old son Jason, the sixth generation, is helping run the marina during the summer and is a busy teenager. It's the largest marina on the lake and a major boating facility on the Trent-Severn Waterway connecting Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay.

He said there used to be 12 hotels on the lake, now there are two. This happened when the trains pushed farther north and roads were cut in, making the area more accessible, and challenging him to make changes to maintain the viability of the business.

#### BRECKBILLS BOUGHT SEVERN LODGE

#### **ALMOST 70 YEARS AGO**

To attract lumberjacks into Muskoka's virgin forests, the Georgian Bay Lumber Company built them a comfortable lodge near the spectacular waterfalls on the Severn River.

That was 1840 and it was the birth of one of Ontario's most attractive vacation resorts.

Today's residents at Severn Lodge are still swinging axes, but that's mostly at dusk to splinter some kindling for their evening bonfires.

Whitewater still tumbles over Severn Falls, but now

there's a lift lock carrying boats around the rapids and out to Georgian Bay.

Although logging ended in these parts in the 1870s, by the time William Breckbill arrived at Severn Lodge in 1928 the site was still an oasis in the heart of the wilderness. Breckbill came up from Canton, Ohio as a teenager to work the summers at the lodge, which was then a private fishing camp. He fell in love with the area and came back every summer until he became the camp's manager in 1936.

When the investors decided to sell the lodge in 1936, Breckbill jumped at the opportunity to buy his own palace in the wilderness.

William's two sons, Rick and Ron, operate Severn Lodge today. "We used to go back to Ohio at the end of the summer when we were kids to return to school, but we couldn't wait to get back up here in the spring," said 57-year-old Rick. Ron, 53, opted to make Severn Lodge his permanent home as soon as he graduated from college in 1974. Rick resisted the call of the wild until 1977, before quitting his executive job in Rochester, New York and heading north permanently.

The Breckbills have doubled the size of Severn Lodge and usually accommodate 180 to 200 guests in their main lodge and separate cottages between May and October.



Photos L - R: East Family; Pilot House, Killarney Mountain Lodge, Georgian Bay

Severn Lodge is only 6 km (3.75 mi.) in from Highway 400, but it remains in a wilderness setting somewhat similar to what the lumberjacks found in the 1840s, except with all the modern conveniences – that's if you call Lady Eaton's 1937 Ditchburn speedboat modern.

#### KILLARNEY MOUNTAIN LODGE-A JIMMY HOFFA HIDEOUT

On a rugged chunk of the some of the world's oldest rock protruding from the waters of Georgian Bay, amidst a few gnarled white spruce leaning downwind, you can feast on a gourmet meal complete with fine cutlery spread on a white linen tablecloth. This is one of the meal options offered at Killarney Mountain Lodge.

A young woman will likely guide you out to the island in a kayak. Jennifer East is only 33, but is an expert guide on water and land to one of Ontario's most spectacular nature playgrounds.

East gets it naturally. She's the daughter of Maury and Annabelle East, who are now in their 44th year of operating Killarney Mountain Lodge and Outfitters on the shores of Georgian Bay, just outside the 48,500-hectare Killarney Provincial Park.

They bill their estate as Ontario's only wilderness adventure resort.

August Fruehauf, the man who created the Fruehauf truck trailer empire in Detroit, loved the pristine wilderness of the area so much, he built a private fishing lodge here for him and his car-manufacturing buddies. Jimmy Hoffa liked to hide out here from the rigours of being a tough union boss.

In 1962 the Fruehaufs learned they could no longer write off their hideaway lodge as a business expense, so they put it on the market. Maury East, then the young manager of the Muskoka Sands Inn near Gravenhurst, saw it as a chance to operate his own resort, even if you could only reach the property by boat or float plane.

East knew that its isolation, plus its rustic, but comfortable amenities, would be its biggest attraction. And how right he was.

Killarney Provincial Park is world renowned for its hiking and canoeing challenges among wilderness adventure enthusiasts, and Killarney Mountain Lodge is near the eastern entrance to the North Channel, considered a paradise for boat cruising.

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Sunsets are a big draw too. And to take best advantage of them, Jennifer East will have one of the staff take you out on Stormy Night, a 14 m (46-ft.) long sailing sloop for a sunset dinner cruise.

For more information on resorts, please turn to page 64.

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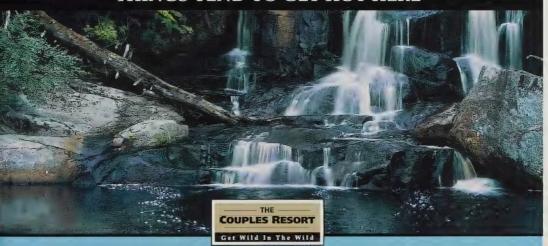
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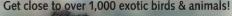




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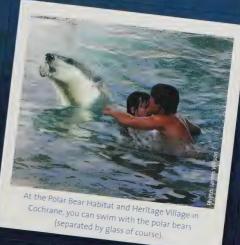
My trip of a lifetime!

- By Bryn Wilson



If you've always lived in a place like Toronto, you really have no idea what the north is actually like.

When my parents said we were spending our summer vacation going up to Moose Factory on the tip of James Bary, I'll admit at first I wasn't totally thrilled. What the heck would we do? But it turned out to be one of the best trips of



my life, with a landscape and people I'll never forget.

When I arrived in Cochrane, where you get on the Polar Bear Express, I



realized ( was really 'Up North' - 720 km (450 mi.) from Toronto. We made sure to hit the 'Tim's here, because this is the home town of the hockery great and donut king Tim Horton. While we were in town, we also checked out the museum dedicated to him in a rail car across from the station, and the ice rink on the main street is named after him.

The newest attraction in town is the Polar Bear Habitat and Hunta Heritage Village. My brother and sister were able to swim with the polar bears (separated

by glass, of course) and get a really close-up look (I gave it a pass, the water was the perfect temperature for a polar bear – freezing). It looked like the bears were as curious of us as we were of them. These were the only polar bears we saw on the trip. Just in case you didn't know, there are no polar bears at the end of the Polar Bear Express.

I really enjoyed the reconstructed pioneer village, full of an amazing collection of stuff collected by Jerry and Phyllis Miller. We were lucky collection of stuff collected by Jerry and Phyllis Miller. We were lucky enough to meet Mr. Miller, who was supervising the set-up. Mr. Miller had enough to meet Mr. Miller, who was supervising the set-up. Mr. Miller had enough to meet Mr. Miller, who was supervising the set-up. Mr. Miller had enough to meet Mr. Miller had enough to set up that the antiques looked practically new, and the tractors really ran.

The train to Moosonee was a real adventure. Once we boarded, and the train started off, my brother and sister and I started to explore. Apart from the passenger cars, there was an entertainment car, two dining cars and a snack car as well as two panorama cars, with upper levels where we could eat and enjoy the sights.



On the four-hour trip to Moosonee, the train's announcer pointed out various sites along the way and explained their meaning. There was the Abitibi River, which once was one of the main fur trade routes, the Hudson Bay lowlands, the upside down railroad bridge with its support on top in order to let ice flow safely underneath. We also saw Little Bear – it's one of the last trains that stops for passengers who wave it down along the line.

We learned about a forest fire that in 1976 took nearly two weeks to control and burned out 12,140 hectares (30,000 acres). I personally found the burned-out forest a very creepy sight, but it was also kind of neat.

Midway through the train ride, the younger kids gathered in the entertainment car to play games, supervised by the lady who does the entertainment on the return trip. This seemed to give everyone a little break – especially the parents.

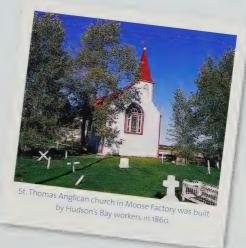
The trip actually went by pretty quickly. When the train came to a stop in Moosonee we noticed we were in a really different place. On the way to the Moose

the way to the Moose River docks, we saw small buildings, vast sky, a Catholic Church, and the Revillon Frères Museum – founders of Moosonee and rivals of the Hudson's Bay Company. The museum had been closed awhile since it needed some

cash to renovate. While we waited for our canoe, we ate lunch in the basement of the Anglican Church across the street. We were told to look for the ladies out front who sell crafts and moccasins that they've made, but they aren't always there.

Once we got in the freighter canoe to visit the surrounding islands we realized that this was the place where you go to get away from the rest of the world and slow down.

At the docks we took a Two Bay Fossil Tour. The beach we landed on was loaded with fossils – our guides showed us how to identify Devonian fossils like Horn Coral and Trilobites. We couldn't take any fossils with us (there'd be none left if everyone took one) but we photographed a collection of our best finds.



Then we drank some camberry se and are some bannock around the emopire while the giant mosquitoes used to find some DEFT-free skin.

It took about 20 minutes to get to Moose Factory from Moosonee by freighter cause. When we pulled up at the Croe Village Leolodge dock the from of the lodge was filled with a lovely meadow garden and the smell of the flowering clover. The Mocreebec Council of the Cree Nation owns the Ecolodge. The Mocreebec Council wanted to get into toutism, but also wanted something that would represent the Cree. In addition to creating a natural-looking building that reflects

native structures, the materials are all natural, one. All the furniture is wooden and all the bed sheets and pillows are cotton. My dad kept saying the smell of the wood panelling was totally aromatic. When we entered the living spaces of the lodge (the bedrooms) the tradition was to leave your slines in the libby. We thought this was cool.

Even the menu reflected the traditional Cree diet. I noticed there was no deep fried food on the menu. Greg Williams, General Manager for the Ecolodge, said that apart from promoting traditional foods, the Ecolodge wanted to encourage healthier eating in the community. In the past, traditional meals were dromatically healthier than today's processed food. I was surprised to learn from Greg that the change to a modern fast-food diet here in Moose Factory has brought some real health problems to the Cree. Greg said people are always asking where the fries are on the menu, but I didn't miss them—the food was great. My morn said a cup of their cranberry ten with a little honey and an apple dumpling was a little bit of heaven. My parents were really big on seeing the mouth of James Bay. There were a few ways we could do this—Two Bay Tours had big tours on board the Polar Princess. Moose Cree Outdoor

Discoveries and Adventures did smaller mars, or we could book a tour through the Ecolodge. We chose to take a freighter canoe out to the southern end of James Bay. I have to say, the sight of so much water land of freiked me not. I could understand how people thought they could fall off the earth if they salled too far. It was beautiful too.

I wanted to stay at the lodge for like a month, but that was before I met Norm and Jean Wesley of Norm and Jean's Bed and Breakfast — the only B&B on the island. They have a smoke house and a teepee that you can stay in. (Way better than a tent, Mosquito nets included.) They live really close to the Hudson's Bay.

Company walf house (built between 1847-1950) and the other historic sites. Moore Factory, founded in 1673, is the oldest English settlement in Onearia, which for me, being of English beringer.

The highlight of our trip was probably attending the Gathering of Our People; this is a Cree gathering that takes place for five days the last week of July (in 2005 it will be August 8 to August 15 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the signing of Treaty No. 9). Everyone in Moost Pactory gathered for a big celebration, and it was a homecoming for anyone who has ever lived on the island. There

were ceremonies and concerts, an appearance by San Jose Shork's forward Jonathan Cheschen, who grew up in Monse Factory, stafts and food and a big community team, where hundreds of people brought food and abared it with everyone else. We hung out at the tents munide the arems where the ladies were plucking skinning and rousting game that the people had caught. We especially found the traditional way of conhing between to be interesting. The Cree blew the body up with air and tind it up like a balloon and rousted it over a fire. The sir heated up and cooked it.



(asked Norm (a retired school principal) if this was the right spelling. He told me Cree is an oral language; I was close enough – there aren't any rules.

The Gathering was really amazing. At first my family was a bit unsure as to whether we should go to the community feast, seeing as we are not of Cree heritage. But Norm and Jean told us that it was perfectly fine for anyone in Moose Factory to come and learn about the Cree culture. After the

beast, as we sat and talked inside Norm and Jean's smoke hut, and later in the quiet of the teepee, I began to think about how really different life was up here than it was back in Toronto.

I thought of mry dad helping out at the Gathering. For an hour all he did was lift hot rocks and take them out of the cooking tents. Mry brother tried plucking a goose, but only got a few feathers out before getting creeped out. Mry dad told one of the ladies that I'd never seen animals prepared like this. She giggled and took one of the birds and started teasing me, using the goose head like a puppet.

My father once asked Norm if "Southerners" talked too much, and he just laughed. Here, everyone seemed to think before speaking and in a conversation only one person spoke at a time (and everyone else simply nodded). I noticed how much I really talk, and how truly amazing a town that's as simple as this can be.

As our family stopped at a fast-food restaurant on the way home we heard everyone around us yelling and yakking away without really listening. My family and I just sort of looked at each other. We have a new saying in our family now: "What would the Cree say?" And we all just nodded at each other and smiled.

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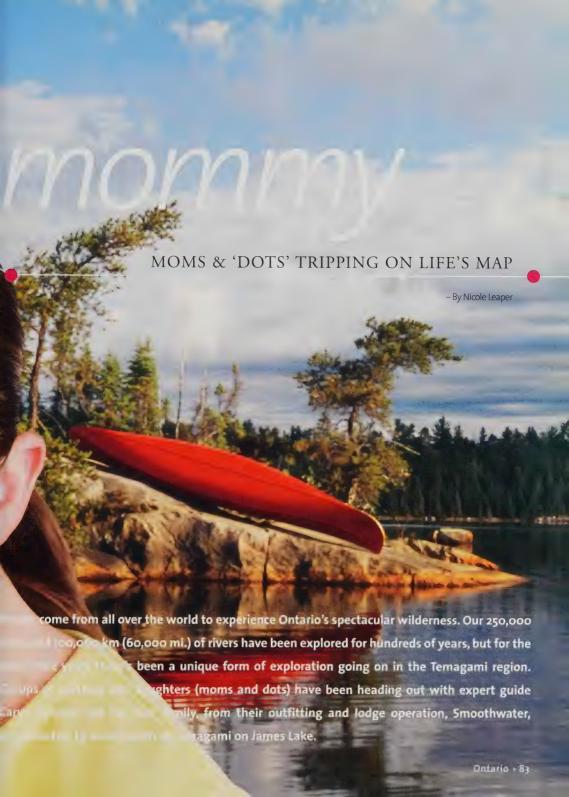
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Photos L - R: Amelia takes a break; Caryn (white hat) with Alara and Kate

Twelve years ago when Emily was a baby, Caryn and her husband, Francis Boyes, took over the operation as a livelihood beyond the rat race of the city. They provide a very comfortable starting-off point for many campers, both experienced and novice. Caryn

Caryn came up with the idea after observing families at their lodge and the bonds they gained as a result of tripping together.

and Francis are both expert leaders of canoe, kayak and hiking trips. They can help you plan a route, supply your equipment and lead your whole trip, whatever level of care you need. They can have you flown into Lake Obabika to hike the old-growth forest.

Trips begin and end at the lodge, which offers accommodation ranging from cozy rooms with private baths to bunkhouses with shared facilities. Breakfast and dinner are served at a long harvest table in the large main house. You feel like an honoured guest in the home of Caryn, Francis and Emily.

The moms and dots trip is just one of the many unique tripping options Smoothwater offers. Caryn is also an accomplished watercolour artist and a member of Arts in the Wild, a group of outfitters offering packages that combine tripping with a variety of visual arts.

But the moms and dots trip is very special. Caryn came up with the idea after observing families at their lodge and the bonds they

gained as a result of tripping together. She wanted to share that experience with her dot and other like-minded women. She is flexible on the idea. In my case the combo is aunt and niece. Francis would be happy to coordinate father and son groups too.

Emily has grown in the three years from a trip participant to a trusted and competent co-leader, becoming both playmate and mentor to the other girls. The day we arrive, the girls are full of excitement and anticipation for the trip. Emily takes us on a tour of the property, making us feel very welcome. Within the first few minutes my niece runs over to ask if she can skinny dip with her 'beautiful new friends'.

Smoothwater provided us with packing lists prior to



Photos L – R: A beautiful dragonfly; Caryn and her daughter Emily on top of High Rock

the trip; we only need our clothes and personal items, they provide everything else. Upon arrival, Smoothwater staff go through your gear, eliminate unnecessary items and teach you how to pack. I will never pack the same way again. Camping teaches how little you really need. If you have to carry everything for days, you think twice about what is really necessary.

The packing lesson is followed by a dry land paddling lesson with certified instructors, before putting canoes in the water for some real paddling.

The night before we head out, we enjoy a Smoothwater signature dish, Spinach Galette, and share stories with other guests; some about to embark on trips, some just returning. Everyone is in awe at the beauty of Temagami, the 300-year-old forests and the vastness of this wilderness, which feature the highest ridges in Ontario. There are seven provincial parks in the Temagami region, but we will be exploring Crown Land. Crown Land is mapped with campsites and portages marked. No permits are required but the downside is, unlike provincial parks, you cannot book a campsite.

After dinner the moms and dots head to the 'gathering hall' to learn what to expect in the days to come and to

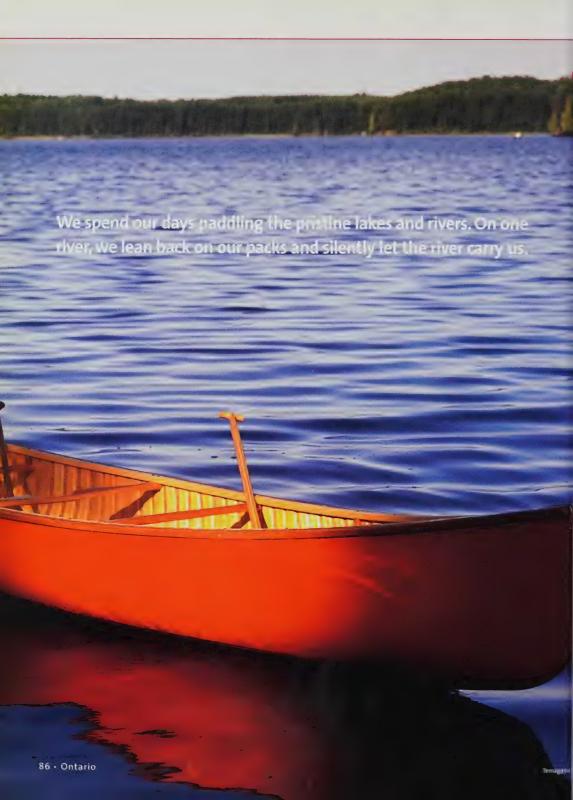
get to know each other better. Emily presents us each with a medicine pouch for collecting treasures on the trip, a diary for mom and dot to share and the multipurpose camping accessory: the bandana.

The next morning we pack up our gear after a hearty breakfast and head out to our take-off point. Within a few minutes of paddling we see a moose and a painted turtle. It's not long until our first portage. Well, Caryn says it's more of a 'lift over' than a portage onto Iceland Lake. A few minutes later we are just a few feet from a pair of loons – the first of many.

### TIME DOESN'T MATTER

Caryn has requested we leave our watches at the lodge. The first 24 hours I habitually check my empty wrist for the time, but soon grow accustomed to not knowing what time it is, and realize I really don't need to know. Caryn has an innate sense of how things are going; when we need a snack break, when the girls need an energy release, when to start looking for a place to settle down for the night.

We find our site in time for the girls to do some exploring after our lesson in how to set up camp.



Caryn and our co-leader, Catherine Andrews, prepare a wilderness gourmet feast. I've always heard food tastes better in the wilderness, now I know it's true.

We find our site in time for the girls to do some exploring after our lesson in how to set-up camp.

Sleeping in a tent has its

pros and cons, but there is no question every child should experience it, and if you can share that with your child, all the better. It's a clear and starry night; we fall asleep to the sounds of loons and moms reading to their dots.

After a breakfast of scrambled eggs and Mennonite bacon, we break camp and Caryn leads a pre-paddle yoga session. Emily demonstrates a position that presents a challenge for the moms, but not the dots. Other breakfasts include pancakes with sautéed apples and couscous with dried fruit, always accompanied by organic tea and coffee.

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One of the moms, Joanne Thomas Yaccato, has been providing this gift to her dot Kate for the past three years. Joanne is a best-selling business writer and much sought after public speaker. Her book *Balancing Act* has sold over 75,000 copies and provides financial planning advice for women. For Joanne, an essential part of her balancing act is to provide this opportunity to herself and her dot every year.

She and Kate have grown from complete novices to very capable paddlers. On this most recent trip Joanne sterned the whole trip and Kate, the smallest girl, carried a canoe on her head with the

other girls and spent some time paddling in the bow of the canoe for the first time. Joanne beamed with pride at her dot's efforts. Joanne is the type to set a personal goal for each trip. On the other hand, Marianne McIssac and her dot, Alara are totally new to this and have no goal other than to approach the week with an open mind to new experiences and adventures. For Marianne and Alara, sleeping on the ground is not the best part, although you'd never know it from the giggling coming from their tent.

Caryn fills our evenings around the campfire with stories meant to relieve some of the girl's fear of things that go bump in the night. But really, there is no need, Caryn is such a calm, strong leader you always feel safe. Around the fire we talk about the animals we saw that day, and read native medicine cards to learn from the strengths and weaknesses of these symbols of nature.

### **ENDLESS SKINNY DIPPING**

We spend our days paddling the pristine lakes and rivers. On one river, we lean back on our packs and silently let the river carry us. The river opens into one of Ontario's most beautiful lakes, Wasaksina. Our lunch stops are especially exciting, one is on a cliff top and another is at a little falls where the girls can body surf. Lunch is a smorgasbord of delicious items, such as a variety of cheeses, cured meats and always followed by chocolate. Dinners can include soup, salad, chili, stirfry (secret



Photos | - 8-Time to portage - Kate and Amelia: Say c-h-e-e-se! Mons at the back from left Marianne, loanne and Caryn and dots from left Kate Amelia Alara Emily and Catherine

ingredient is dried mango) spaghetti bolognese and always a homemade dessert.

The girls amuse themselves near the campsite by exploring in the woods, discovering a Queen's throne on a rock ledge or a Gnome home at the base of a tree and of course, endless skinny dipping.

The final day we have a challenging paddle on our biggest lake of the trip, Lake Temagami to High Rock, a sacred native site. A 10-minute hike to the top takes us to a spectacular view of the Temagami region in all directions.

Back at the lodge the girls are thrilled to be treated to a dinner of hamburgers and the 9 kg (20-lb.) chocolate cake. Caryn is a confessed foodie and takes obvious pleasure in providing the best organic ingredients

The next day we head back to reality, but Temagami will always hold a special place in our hearts. available. The meals are hearty; fit for trippers. You are welcome to help yourself to seconds but hold back a bit, dessert is always special; ranging from the decadent chocolate cake decorated with

edible flowers from Caryn's garden to a delicious Blueberry Kuchen (recipe on page 20).

Afterwards we reflect on what we've learned over the past several days, about ourselves, our skills, our new-found friends. The next day we head back to reality, but Temagami will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Turn to page 90 for more information on Temagami trips.

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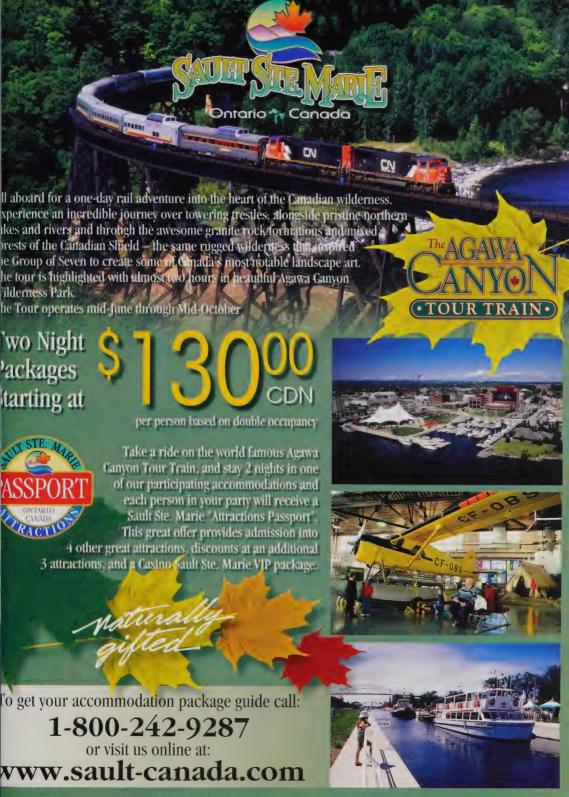
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# at the opera - By Barb and Ron Kroll 92 · Ontario Red Barn Theatre, Jackson's Point



When we booked our Just the Ticket package for the Red Barn Theatre and Briars Resort, we expected an enjoyable performance and a relaxing stay on Lake Simcoe's south shore. What we didn't anticipate were the stories; intriguing stories about the theatre and resort that rivalled the plays on stage. Stories that launched our quest to discover more about the former lives of Ontario's summer theatres ... including a phantom in the Orillia Opera House.

The first story we heard about the Red Barn Theatre took place in 1949. Harry Belafonte was a friend of actor Al Mulock, who converted the 1870s barn into a theatre. After christening the building with a beer bottle on the silo, Belafonte sang an impromptu solo from the rafters.

John Sibbald, president of The Briars, which owns the theatre, remembers Belafonte's visit. He shows us the original heavy wooden crossbeams, now lined with stage lights. Dr. Frank Sibbald, his grandfather's uncle, bought the barn in 1877 to stable shorthorn cattle. His father, Jack, leased the barn to Mulock.

"Look at the floorboards in front of the seats," he says. "See the wear from the wheels of the horse-drawn hay wagons? They parked in the bay, near the current stage. Farmhands stacked the hay up to the rafters."

Today, the barn's crimson exterior is original. Cow stalls house dressing rooms and props. A chicken coop is the box office. The men's washroom holds vivid memories. "When I was 10, my friends and I peeked inside and got the scare of our lives. It was a pen for a massive bull," says John.

### STARS AT THE BARN

Sibbald recalls many performers who graced the Red Barn's stage: Wayne and Shuster, Barbara Hamilton, Luba Goy, Dinah Christie, Tom Kneebone and even Hal Jackman, who later became Ontario's 39th Lieutenant Governor.

In 1972, the theatre's financial problems resulted in its sale to developers who planned to demolish the barn to build houses. John Sibbald became president of a Save the Red Barn committee, which eventually became The Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation. His company, Briars Estates Limited, purchased the barn in 1974 to ensure its survival. The Sibbalds maintain the grounds and allow the theatre to use them at no charge.

The Briars Resort, just a three-minute stroll away, exudes as many stories as the Red Barn. The library and drawing rooms (now guest lounges) in the original manor house display family heirlooms. Sibbald shows





Photos L - R: Red Barn Theatre, Jackson's Point; Cambridge Arts Theatre, Cambridge

us light fixtures, purchased years ago, from Toronto's Casa Loma. "Dr. Frank bought this Regency-style manor house from retired British Royal Navy Captain, William Bourchier, who built it in 1840," he says. "Bourchier named it The Briars after a friend's house, The Briars, in St. Helena. During his exile, Napoleon lived there until his own residence was built."

### WHAT A TREAT

The west wing houses the Manor Dining Room. One of the pleasures of our theatre-inn-meal package was the hassle-free convenience. After a leisurely dinner of pistachio-crusted salmon and chocolate crème brûlée, we strolled to the Red Barn for a light-hearted comedy. Back at The Briars, we enjoyed ballads by a guitarist in Drinkwaters' Lounge. What a treat, not worrying about parking and a late drive back to Toronto!

Resort activities tempted us the following morning after our bountiful breakfast buffet – tennis, yoga,

hiking, a bike tour in Sibbald Point Provincial Park, golfing at The Briars Golf Club, kayaking and a wildlife-viewing cruise on the Lady Simcoe. We opted for an historical tour of the buildings, grounds and beautiful gardens. On- or off-tour, John, his wife Barbara, and their younger sons Hugh and Andrew, have many stories to tell. Just ask them about the peacock house, the garden parties and summer dances, and why they named a new wing after humorist Stephen Leacock.

### LIVELY PAST

What do a firehall, antique canoe club, century-old church, schoolhouse, opera house, townhall and toothbrush factory have in common? They're all unique venues for Ontario's summer theatres. Inspired by John Sibbald's stories about the Red Barn Theatre, we began our quest to uncover their past lives.

"Nearly every town in Southern Ontario had an

opera house in the late 1800s until World War I," says Claudia Staines, marketing/administration director for The Georgian Theatre Festival. "We're housed in the Meaford Hall Opera House, a wonderful old building from 1908. It has had many lives.

"Farmers pulled carts through the barn-like doors to load market stalls in the basement," explains Claudia. In her office, we view one of six heavy steel vaults used by the town council for municipal records. We walk into an art gallery with an old wooden door labelled 'Judges Room.' "This room was the provincial court."

Our biggest surprise came when Claudia unlocked a door with a sign reading 'Meaford Police Dept.' Inside, three doors with black iron bars swing open to reveal jail cells, complete with original wooden cots. "The cells were last occupied pre-World War II," says Staines. "In the late 90s, the theatre used the police department as a gift shop, and the cells for storage."

We couldn't wait to see the theatre on the second floor, with its Edwardian decor. Excellent acoustics made it Meaford's cultural centre for nearly 100 years. We imagined concerts, road shows and political speeches,

Photos L - R: Orillia Opera House, Orillia: Claudia Staines, Meaford

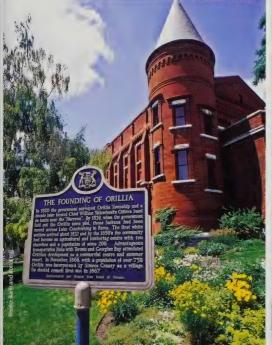
given by former prime ministers John Diefenbaker and Lester B. Pearson, on the old wooden stage.

The fold-down wooden seats, with ornate cast iron legs, fascinated us. Claudia showed us the wire-frame racks for men's hats (ladies wore their hats). "The opera house purchased 500 of these seats for \$1,200 in 1908. When we complete renovations in December 2005, the theatre will have 240 new cushioned seats on the main floor. We're saving 150 of the old seats for the balcony."

Broad-beamed patrons may want to book modern main floor seats. The widest wooden seat is 41 cm (16 in.). The narrowest is only 37 cm (14.6 in.) across. Due to renovations, the 2005 season is being held in a tent.

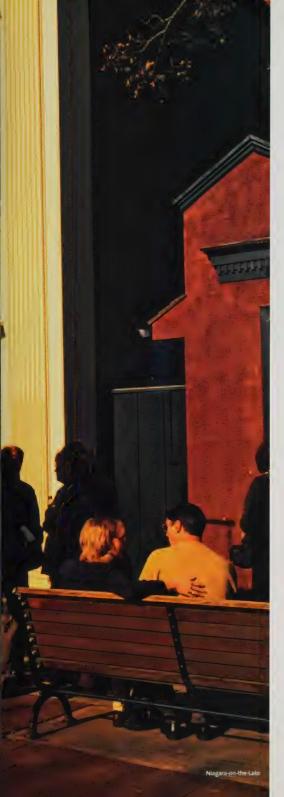
### A SHOW THAT NEVER WAS

Orillia's 1895 opera house (home to the Sunshine Festival Theatre) looks vastly different from Meaford's neo-classic opera house. With its two round towers, topped with conical roofs, it resembles a castle. What makes this theatre so interesting is what you









The beige and crimson brick building lacks a steeple, but its stained glass windows pay homage to its religious origins.

can't see. According to hearsay, two ghosts inhabit the building. Frightened observers report a 'show that never was,' which occurs after midnight, complete with laughing, clapping, 'bravos' and glowing gaslights. The second phantom is a pianist who plays melancholy melodies on the stage's grand piano after hours.

The music that patrons hear in the 1887-vintage Baptist church (now the Cambridge Arts Theatre) is no longer ecclesiastical. Summer home to Theatre Cambridge and fall-to-winter home for the Galt Little Theatre, the church became a theatre in 1983. The beige and crimson brick building lacks a steeple, but its stained glass windows pay homage to its religious origins.

Nearby, St. Jacobs' Schoolhouse Theatre dates back to 1867. It was a school until 1929, then a storage building until the early 1990s, when a local arts and culture group bought and refurbished it. The original tin ceiling, wooden floor and large gothic windows remain untouched.

We soon realized that it's impossible to visit all of Ontario's unique theatres in just one summer, especially if we combined them in packages with local inns, restaurants and attractions. But it's not a problem. We'll always have more new shows and theatrical reincarnations to enjoy.

Please turn to pages 98 and 100 for more information on summer theatre.

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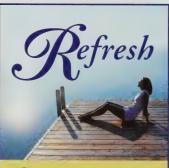
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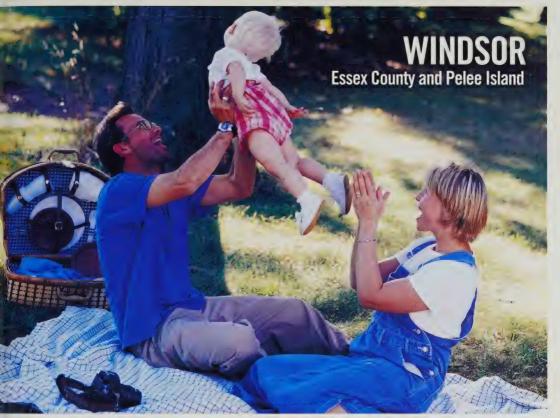
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– By John Farrington

Life should be about enjoying the pleasures of the day without worrying about the next. One of those pleasures surely must be angling in Ontario.



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He knows a lot about urban

fishing. He first put a rod in the water of Wilmot Creek, in Newcastle, near Oshawa, with his dad, Damiano.

Angelo is one of several professional anglers who caught the fishing bug in streams and creeks near their homes. Even though they have fished all over the world and reeled in some of the biggest and most exotic fish, they all still live in Ontario. They all fish in the province – even when they are not 'working' on one of their fishing shows. That speaks volumes about the fishing Ontario has to offer.

"The province of Ontario has a very special place in my heart. It's where I discovered fishing."

Another of these TV fishing personalities is Bob Izumi. He has fished hundreds of rivers and lakes in Ontario and hasn't yet met one he doesn't like.

"Every new body of water has its challenges," says Bob, who was born in Chatham, grew up in Blenheim and has nothing but good to say about fishing in Ontario.

Bob has been a professional angler for 25 years. Fishing is his life. It's not a job. When you consider that he usually spends 200 nights away from home each year on fishing trips – and last year it was 320 days – there is no disputing he likes what he does.



Italo Labignan, whose fishing show has been running on TSN three times a week, 52 weeks a year for 20 years, says, "The province of Ontario has a very special place in my heart." "It's where I discovered fishing. I could ride my bicycle and catch bass and pike in the marshes along Lake Ontario, eating-size brook trout in the headwater streams of the Oshawa, Bowmanville and Wilmot Creek, and I learned to ice-fish for perch and walleye on Lake Scugog," says Italo.

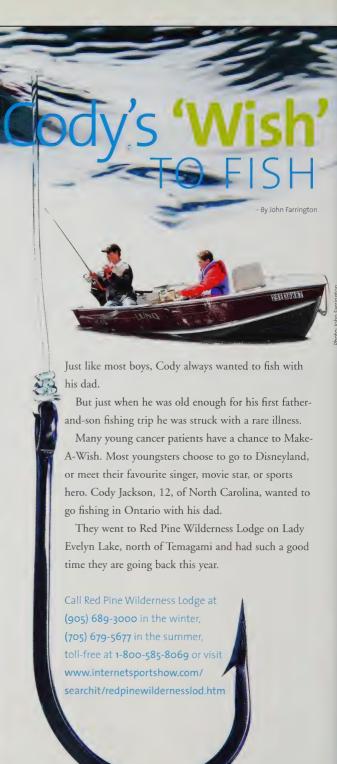
"I have always had a love for fishing rivers and streams and my favourite spot right now is the Niagara River from Niagara Falls to Lake Ontario," says Italo. "That's one of the reasons I now live on the Niagara Peninsula."

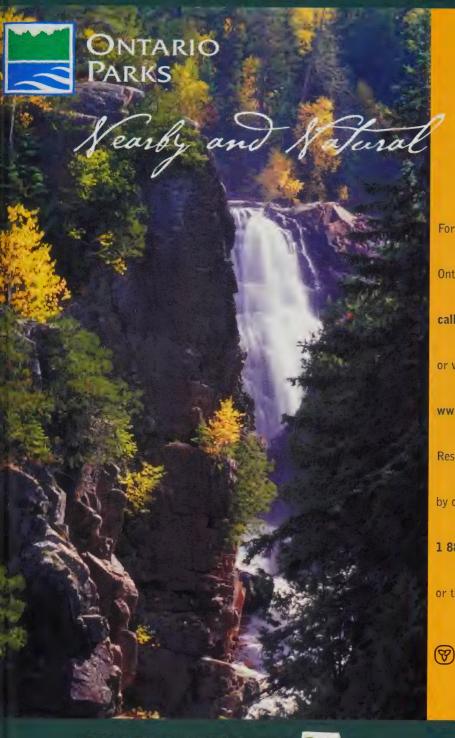
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talo Labignan, left, and Aldo Nava with a salmon, Niagara Falls





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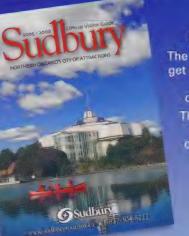


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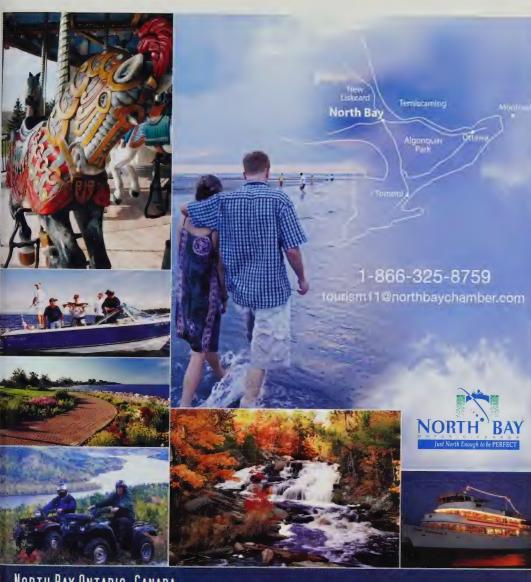
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It's not hard to see how Stephen Leacock got his creative juices flowing in the wooded area now known as Leacock Point.

He got his inspiration to write in the boathouse and in the writing study of the mansion he built in 1928.

Even today you still get a feel for how peaceful it was back in the early 20th century. This is helped by a silent, self-guided tour, cleverly brought to life by photographs taken by another creative genius from the first half of the 20th century, Yousuf Karsh.

The Leacock Museum was a pleasant bonus in the aptly named Just the Ticket package that included dinner in the Ossawippi Express dining car, one night's accommodation and great buffet breakfast at the Kewadin Inn, lunch at the Leacock Museum, a two-hour cruise on Orillia's Island Princess around Lake Couchiching, and tickets to the Sunshine Festival Theatre's professional show at the Orillia Opera House.

Even though the whole package is built around the Sunshine Festival Theatre's extraordinary summer theatre company, Orillia has put together a two-day-one-night package that is a delightful look at a small town in the heart of Huronia that has been a tourism magnet for years.

The theatre company, professional in every sense of the word, was comfortable last summer in the back alley demands of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Cats. I've seen Cats in Los Angeles, Calgary, Broadway and Toronto many times. The Sunshine Festival was as good as any of them. This is a theatre company well worth watching. This year Willy Russell's Shirley Valentine runs from June 9 to June 25, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar plays from June 30 to July 30 and Cole Porter's Kiss Me Kate is from August 4 to August 27. The package is also available to the Sunshine Festival's production of Stuart Ross' Forever Plaid (May 4 only – 2 and 8 p.m.) and David Fanstone's Home Fires (September 13–October 15).

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The Leacock Museum overlooks Old Brewery Bay

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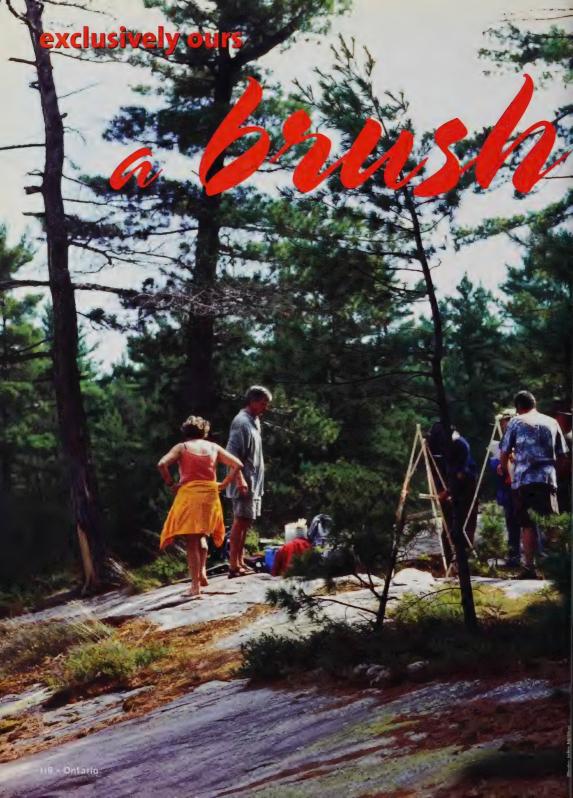
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A sailboat moored just off the shore from the Leacock Museum





## with nature

- By Cathy Bennett

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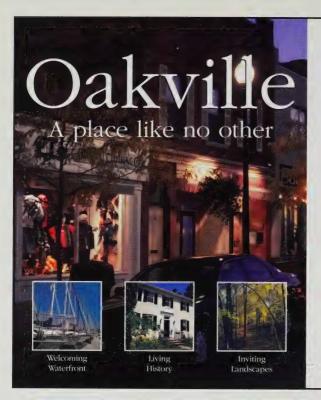
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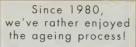
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#### Scene II

He walks into Tango Coffee Bistro, tucked into one of Stratford's historic downtown buildings. A refreshing drink and light lunch satisfies, while he admires local art proudly displayed on the walls. The Bard would surely approve. After greeting new friends, he leaves, eager to discover more.

#### Scene III

The young man comes upon the friendly community of Clinton and its beloved School on Wheels, a

converted railcar that once rode the train tracks of northern Ontario. He sits down in a wee little desk as a volunteer teaches of the Sloman family and their self-sacrifice in educating children along the rails in northern Ontario for 40 years.

#### Scene IV

Overlooking the colourful sunset resting upon Lake Huron, our hero smiles: he's finally made it. The shoreline. He closes his eyes and soaks in the fading heat. It's love.

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#### Scene I

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Our hero shows his tragic flaw, laziness, as he glues himself to the television for a short video on the town's Sifto Salt mine (which, by the way, is one of Canada's largest producers of rock salt).

#### Scene II

A relaxing drive along the shoreline leads to The Little Inn of Bayfield – recipient of the CAA Four Diamond Award for its dining, seven years running. Gorgeous murals and historic architecture are reminiscent of its beginnings in 1832, along with equally memorable dishes, boast an attention to detail.

#### Scene III

Having not yet experienced the climax of his epic journey, he returns to Stratford still pleasantly surprised at the friendliness, greenspace and history. Eclectic boutiques open their doors to savvy shoppers and treelined streets. The York Street Kitchen, facing the Avon River, induces his desire for pre-theatre fare.

#### Scene IV

The Festival Theatre's stage is aglow with act after act of rousing performances, as our hero, just one of hundreds at this packed show, sits amazed.

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#### ACT III

#### Scene I

He ventures to the town of Shakespeare and The Best Little Pork Shoppe. Linda and Gerry Knechtel tell of its beginnings in 1987 after or of their pigs broke a leg. Linda claim they produce the best tasting, leanest pork around. Our hero agrees.

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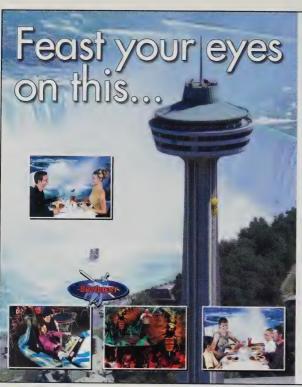
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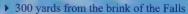
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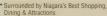
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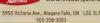




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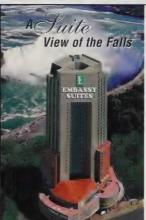


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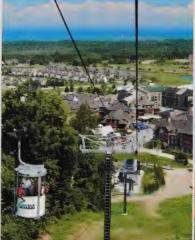
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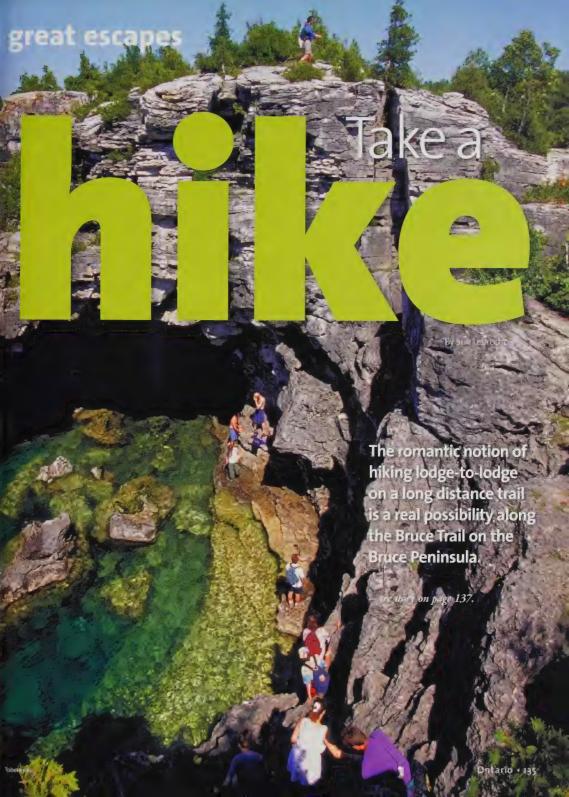
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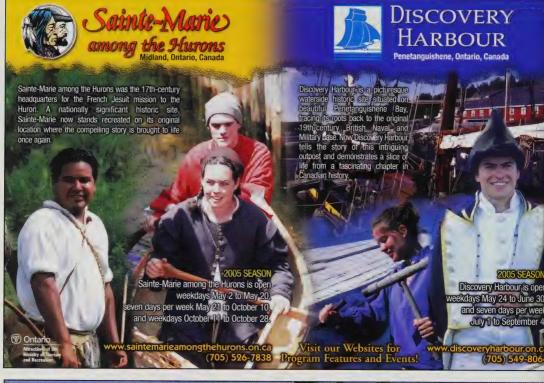
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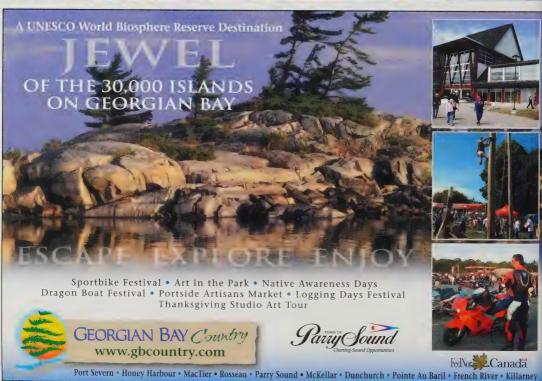
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Ferry to Manitoulin Island

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For the hiking enthusiast keen on experiencing an extended journey, the Network alleviates the need to figure out where to start, stop and overnight. Nor is there a need to predetermine each meal in a zip-lock pouch, pack as lightly as possible, sleep on the ground, and negotiate the logistics of getting back to your vehicle at trip's end.

Rather, it means a wave goodbye to

hosts in the morning

after breakfast, and

Georgian Bay

a warm hello to

a warm hello to
new hosts in
the late
afternoon.
There's a
hot shower, a
warm dinner, a
cozy bed, perhaps a

glass of wine and the option to order in a masseuse. Your luggage can hold choices, even luxury items, and a shuttle brings you back to the start.

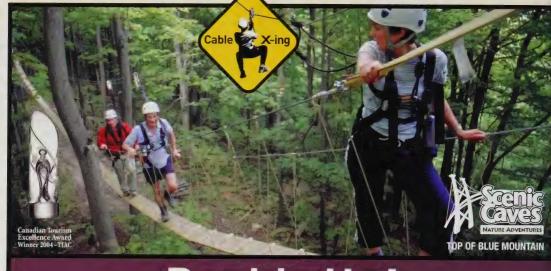
Wiarton

The unburdened, footloose freedom can certainly be appreciated on the peninsula's section of the Bruce Trail. The approximately 167 km (104 mi.) long segment – a minimum eight-day trek – is considered to be the most spectacular and most rugged stretch of the world-famous,

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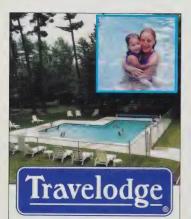
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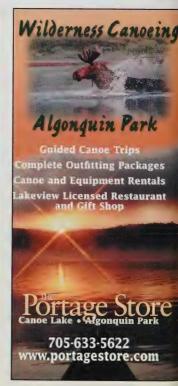


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 Adventure travel writer Sue Lebrecht is the author of eight guide books.



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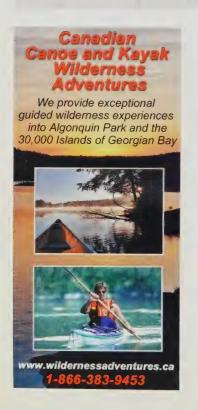
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I parked my little red car in its berth on the Chi-Cheemaun Ferry – which means Big Canoe in the Ojibwe language – and we glided past Tobermory's picturesque Big Tub Lighthouse and out into the open waters of Lake Huron on a romantic two-hour voyage to Manitoulin Island.

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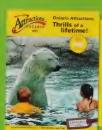
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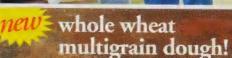


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Ithough I had long been fascinated by the Aboriginal culture of Manitoulin Island my resolve to finally experience this magical place stemmed from a video I wrote about

the island without ever setting foot on it! And since my husband John is a land-scape artist who's always looking for new inspiration, he too was captivated by the footage of this beautiful destination that seemed so unlike the rest of Ontario.

For our week-long holiday, we chose Wee Point Resort on Lake Manitou, which locals tout as "the largest lake on the largest freshwater island in the world."

Wee Point is typical of most accommodations on the island – family run housekeeping cottages and lodges along with a few B&Bs and camping facilities. No big hotels or fast food chains, no traffic and a refreshing absence of cell phones.

Each day as we awoke, we promised

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the water, but the lure of
discovery always beckoned us to the
roads of this enchanted island, which
is a patchwork of pastoral farmland,
100 inland lakes and rivers, and

Tobermory

terrain that varies from flat limestone to the granite bluffs of Gore Bay.

Our daily treks took us to the sprawling beach and boardwalk in Providence Bay, the spectacular Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in

M'Chigeeng and to Bridal Veil
Falls at Kagawong, where the
water tumbles gently over a
limestone bluff to the delight of
children who love to stand
under the cascading waters.

But of all the wonderful

But of all the wonderful places we discover, the most unusual and fascinating is the pavement alvar in Misery Bay. Found in only a few areas of North America and the Baltic – alvars are unique

and rare landscapes of flat limestone bedrock that support unusual plant and wildlife. And as we made the easy 30-40 minute hike through

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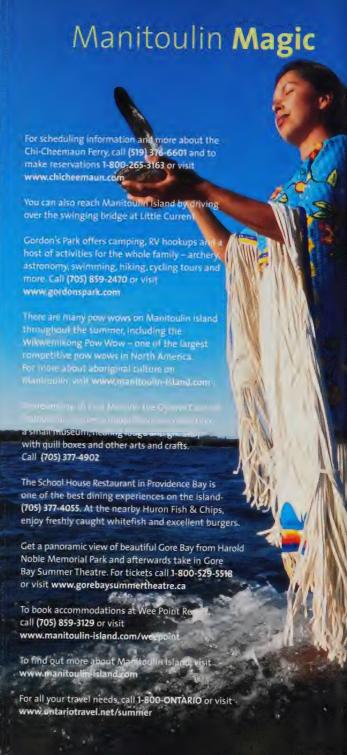
Each day as we awoke, we promised ourselves we'd just relax by the water, but the lure of discovery beckoned us to the roads of this enchanted island

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several mini-alvars, we discovered tiny orchids and other wildflowers we couldn't even find in our Audubon Guide.

At the pavement alvar, we were in awe of what lay before us — a barren and primordial landscape unlike anything we had ever seen before. In fact, we were so awed that we forgot to make a mental note of the hiking path and if it weren't for some fellow trekkers, we could have been lost forever (well, almost!) on that alien landscape. But hey, after all, it's still on Manitoulin Island!

– Cathy Bennett is a freelance writer whose work regularly appears in major publications. She is often found cruising the beautiful backroads of Ontario with her husband, John, helping her find treasures that are not always on the beaten track.





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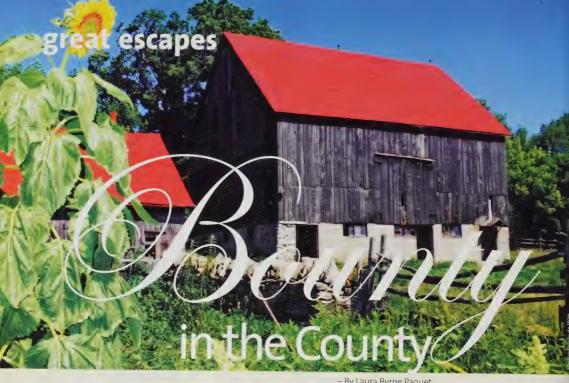
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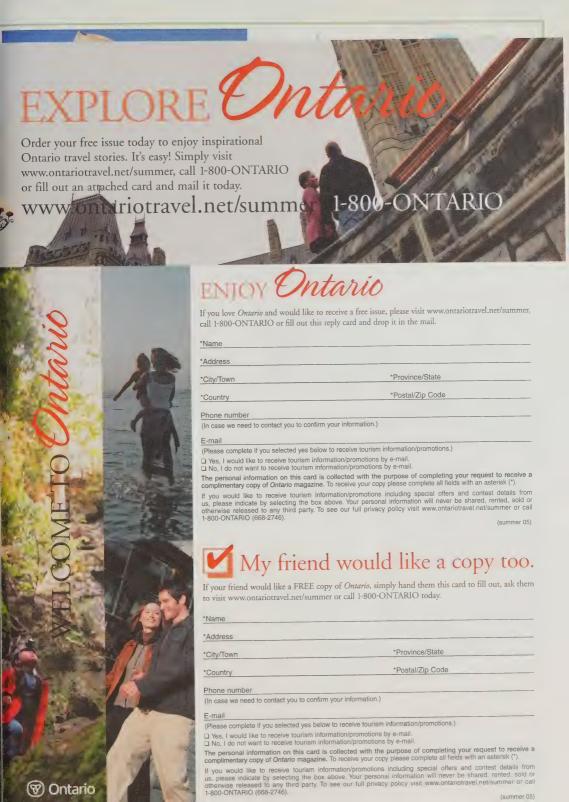
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And foodies encourage visits to

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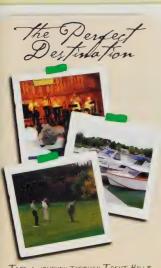
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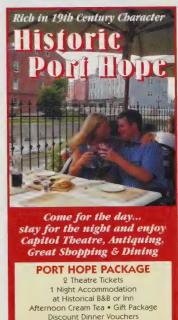


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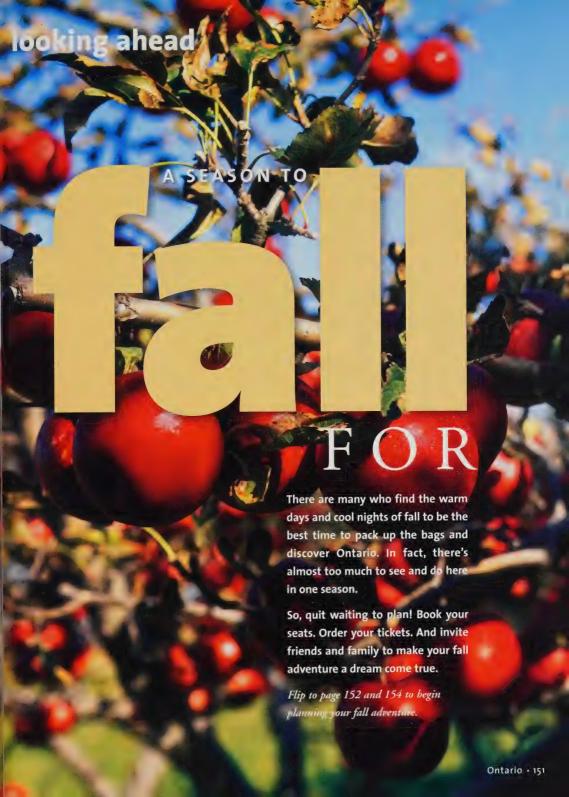


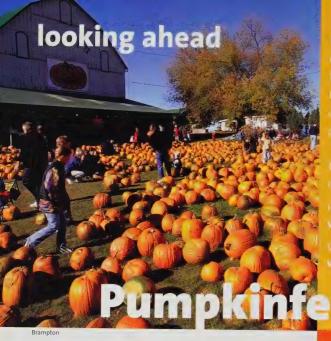


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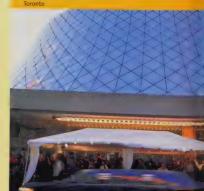
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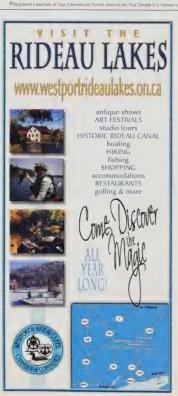


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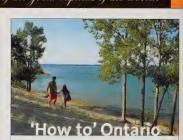
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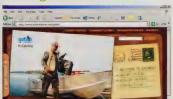




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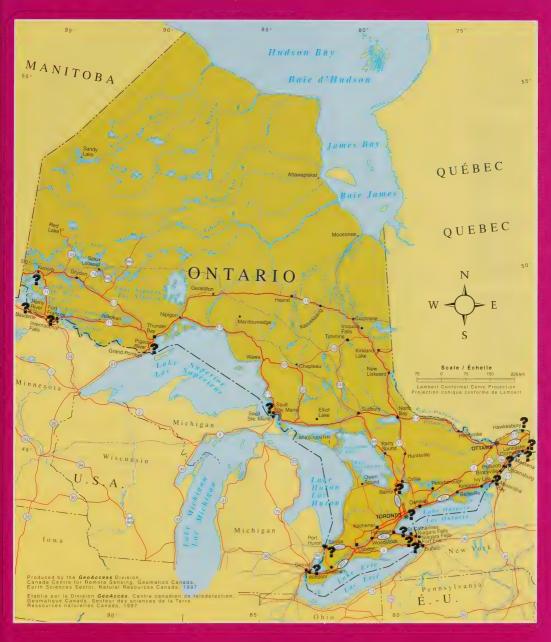
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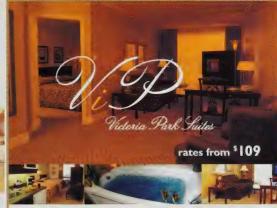


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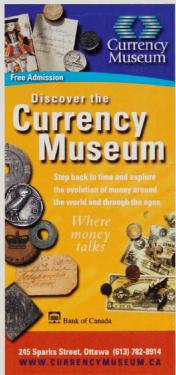
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So, you think you're an Ontario know-it-all, eh? Well, let's see how you do on these. If you're really stuck, check your answers at the bottom of the page.



This annual festival is the only one devoted to George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries.

- a) Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- b) Blyth Festival, Blyth
- c) The Stratford Festival, Stratford

Marilyn Bell was 16 when she was the first person to swim across this lake in 1954.

native chapel

Joseph Brant

- a) Superior
- b) Ontario
- c) Erie
- d) Simcoe

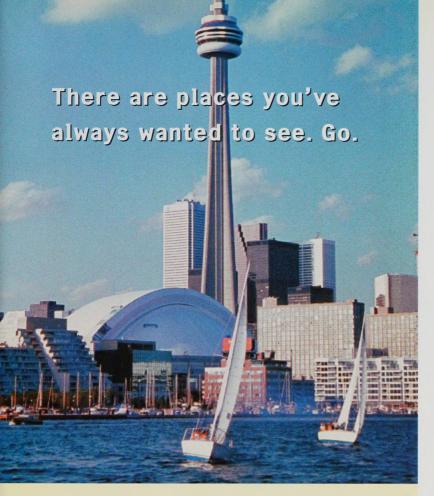
What is Ontario's oldest and longest hiking trail? a) Bruce Trail The Grand Trunk Trail Upper Canada Heritage Trail d) Eastern Pines Trail

What is Canada's first national marine park, located at the mouth of Georgian Bay? There are 22 shipwrecks located in the waters.

- a) Georgian Bay Islands
- b) Fathom Five
- c) Point Pelee
- d) Canada doesn't have national marine parks



ANSWERS: I. a) Shaw Festival, Viagara-on-the-Lake 2. a) Bruce Irail 3. b) Fathorn Five 4. d) All of the above 5. b) Ontario



•Barrie (2)

•Belleville (2)

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•Burlington

·Cambridge ·Chatham

·Cobourg

·Cornwall

Dryden

· Gananoque

•Guelph

•Hamilton

·Huntsville

Kapuskasing

•Kenora

•Kingston (2)

•Kirkland Lake

•Kitchener

·Leamington

·London (4)

Midland

•New Liskeard Newmarket

•Niagara Falls (6)

·Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

·Niagara Falls/St.

Catharines (2)

·Niagara Falls/Welland

•North Bay (3)

•Orillia (3)

•Oshawa

·Oshawa/Whitby

•Ottawa (5)

·Ottawa/Arnprior

·Ottawa/Kanata

·Ottawa/Smiths Falls

•Owen Sound

·Parry Sound

·Pembroke

·Peterborough (2)

•Port Hope

·Sault Ste. Marie (3)

•Simcoe

·Sudbury (3)

·Thunder Bay

•Timmins

• Toronto (7)

·Toronto/Brampton

·Toronto/Markham

•Toronto/Mississauga (5)

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